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Shah takes stock of law and order situation

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The murder of a BJP Yuva Morcha activist in Dakshina Kannada followed by resignations of several unit heads of the organisation that has put the ruling BJP under pressure came for review by Union Home Minister Amit Shah who took stock of the law and order situation on Thursday.

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Spurt in viral fever among children

BENGALURU

Doctors in the city are noticing a spurt in viral fever and respiratory tract infections among children aged below 12. Paediatricians said one in every four children is down with a flu-like infection since the last three weeks.

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For cab drivers, a trip in the rain is all pain

BENGALURU

A common complaint heard in the city when the skies start to open up is the lack of availability of cabs and autos. Drivers and owners, however, say they would rather miss out on a few hours' pay than spend their entire month's earnings on the repair of cars in case of breakdowns.

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Kerala stares at repeat of 2018 floods as rain fury continues

22 dead; swollen rivers inundate many areas; thousands shifted to relief camps

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Kerala once again stares at a flood situation with high-intensity rain triggered by strong monsoon winds lashing central Kerala. In addition, a low-pressure system is expected to form over the Bay of Bengal by Sunday, which is likely to intensify the rain.

The situation is precarious in the State, especially in central Kerala where swollen rivers have started inundating low-level areas. Haunted by the bitter experience of the 2018 floods, the State administration in central districts swung into action on Thursday afternoon, starting evacuation of people from flood-prone areas to relief camps.

Three persons were killed in various rain-related incidents on Thursday, taking the total deaths to 22 in five days.

A total of 6,411 people were shifted to 221 relief camps after a combination of intense rain and overflowing rivers, with several reservoirs reaching full levels, created a worrying scenario.

The release of water from the Parambikulam and Thoonakkadavu dams to the Peringalkuthu dam has resulted in the Chalakudy river breaching the banks in many places, forcing the administrations of Thrissur and Ernakulam district to evacuate people from the banks of the river.

Heading to safety: Residents leaving their flood-hit homes near Chalakudy in Thrissur district on Thursday. • K.K. NAJEEB

Water inflow from T.N.

The inflow of water into the Chalakudy river will gain strength by night as authorities had announced the opening of Kerala Sholayar after inflow from Tamil Nadu Sholayar to Kerala Sholayar increased.

Kerala Minister for Water Resources Roshy Augustine has written to his counterpart in Tamil Nadu S. Duraimurugan requesting steps to regulate water discharge from the Mullaperiyar dam following heavy rain in the catchment area.

The rivers in Central Travancore, including the Meenachil, Pampa, Manimala, Achencoil, and Pullakayar, and Manali, Kurumali and Karuvannur in Thrissur, are in spate, and evacuation of people began by Thursday afternoon.

Landslips were reported from Kodunga near Koottickal, Vagamon and Aranamudi along the Angamoozhi-Vandiperiyar route in Pathanamthitta.

The flood waters gushing through the Pampa took over the causeway at Arayanjilimon for the second time in just a few days, while the causeway to Kurubanmuzhi on the upstream of the Perumthenaruvi waterfalls has remained submerged for days on end.

CM's appeal

Considering the grave situation, the devotees who reached the Pampa-Triveni base camp to attend the Niraputhari celebrations in Sabarimala were banned from trekking up the holy hill after 3 p.m.

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan appealed to people in vulnerable areas to move to safer locations on the instructions of the authorities.

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China holds military drills, fires missiles near Taiwan

Beijing's 'unprecedented' response after Pelosi's Taipei visit

ANANTH KRISHNAN
BEIJING

China's military on Thursday began unprecedented live-firing drills in six regions surrounding Taiwan, firing missiles from its eastern coast into waters east of the island and putting in place an effective blockade that disrupted flights and shipping.

The drills, which will continue until Sunday, were part of Beijing's response to Wednesday's visit by U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi to Taiwan. "What we are taking and will be taking are a necessary and timely response and countermeasures which have been fully thought through and fully assessed, to protect sovereignty and territorial integrity, in line with international laws, and a warning to provocateurs," Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying said, announcing that Beijing had also called off a meeting set for Thursday between the Foreign Ministers of China and Japan to express its displeasure over a statement by the G7 group of nations that had defended Ms. Pelosi's visit and criticised China's actions.

"They clearly believe they live in the time of 120 years ago," she said, comparing the G7 to the eight-nation alliance that invaded China in 1900. "We no longer live in a world where Imperialist powers can ride roughshod over Chinese people on Chinese land," she said.

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Mysuru-Bengaluru highway traffic restored

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MYSURU/HASSAN

Traffic on the Mysuru-Bengaluru highway was restored on Thursday evening after two days of disruption caused by flooding of a portion of the highway following the breach of Boodanur lake near Mandya.

With water receding on the highway, traffic has been restored and buses are plying via Mandya and Maddur to Bengaluru from Mysuru, said Mysuru KSRTC Divisional Controller Ashok Kumar.

Shiradi Ghat

Hassan Deputy Commissioner R. Girish has issued an order allowing all kinds of passenger buses on Shiradi Ghat stretch of NH 75 during the night. Restrictions on vehicular movement were in place owing to repeated landslips at Donigal.

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Navy's women pilots chart a new course

Sky is the limit: The five Naval officers after completing the maritime reconnaissance and surveillance mission. • PTI

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Five officers of the Indian Navy created history by completing the first all-woman independent maritime reconnaissance and surveillance mission in the Arabian Sea, onboard a Dornier-228 aircraft. "The women officers received months of ground training and comprehensive mission briefings in the run-up to this historic sortie," the Navy said. The aircraft was captained by the Mission Commander, Lt. Cdr. Aanchal Sharma.

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ED unseals, searches Young Indian

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Thursday searched the premises of Young Indian in the presence of its principal officer and senior Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge, in connection with the *National Herald* case.

The agency had sealed the office temporarily as the search could not be carried out in the absence of any company representative on Wednesday.

Summons

The ED then issued summons to the principal officer seeking his presence for the search.

On Thursday afternoon, as Mr. Kharge reached the Young Indian office, the agency unsealed the premises and resumed the exercise. It sought relevant information related to the documents found there. Earlier, the ED had recorded the statements of Congress president Sonia Gandhi and her son Rahul Gandhi.

The money laundering probe is related to allegations that Young Indian paid only ₹50 lakh to acquire the rights to recover a ₹90.25-crore debt that the Associated Journals Limited owed to the Congress.

The party has denied the charge, pointing out that Young Indian is a not-for-profit company.

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UAPA arrests

4,690 The number of people arrested under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) between 2018 to 2020 though only 149 were convicted under it in the three-year period, according to Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai. Mr. Rai said that 1,321 people were arrested under the UAPA in 2020 while 80 people were convicted that year. The highest number of people arrested under the law during this period was in Uttar Pradesh (1,338). PTI

Women cadre

34,151 The number of women who are currently serving in various posts of the central armed police forces (CAPF). Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai said that it was decided in 2016 that 33% of posts at the constable level were to be reserved for women in CRPF and CISF while 14-15% of posts would be reserved for border forces BSF, SSB and ITBP. 9,454 women are serving in CRPF, 7,391 women in BSF, 9,320 in CISF, 2,518 in ITBP, 3,610 in SSB and 1,858 in Assam Rifles. PTI

Dengue spread

14,077 The number of dengue cases reported in India till June 2022 against the 13,580 cases in the corresponding period of 2021, according to Minister of State for Health Bharati Pravin Pawar. Discussing the precautionary steps taken by the government, the Minister said that the National Centre for Vector Borne Diseases Control had issued nine advisories between March 23 to June 30 to States/U.T.s for detection and control of outbreaks, preparedness and capacity building etc. PTI

Anganwadis on rent

3.57 In lakh, the number of anganwadis in India running from rented premises, according to the Women and Child Development Ministry. Women and Child Development Minister Smriti Irani gave data according to which there are 13.89 lakh operational anganwadi centres in the country. An Anganwadi centre is a basic rural child care centre. They were started by the Indian government in 1975 as part of the Integrated Child Development Services program to combat child hunger and malnutrition. PTI

IAS vacancies

1,472 The number of vacancies in the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) in various States as of January 1, 2022, while there are 864 vacancies in the Indian Police Service (IPS), according to Union Minister Jitendra Singh. He said that in order to ensure optimal intake of directly recruited IAS officers, the government has increased their annual intake to 180 through the civil services examination (CSE) since 2012, on the basis of the recommendations of the Baswan committee. PTI

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EXPLAINER

The coal mining protests in the Hasdeo Aranya region

Why has a private member resolution against coal mining in the Hasdeo forests been passed by the Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly?

SHUBHOMOY SIKDAR

THE GIST

- On July 26, the Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly unanimously passed a private member resolution urging the Centre to cancel allocation of all coal mining blocks in the ecologically sensitive area of Hasdeo Aranya.
- Underneath the Hasdeo Aranya is a coalfield that comprises of 22 coal blocks. In 2010, the Centre categorised Hasdeo Aranya to be a "no-go" zone for mining. However, only a year later, the MoEF granted clearance for the mining. At present, of the 22 blocks, seven blocks have been allotted to different companies.
- The resolution isn't expected to change the status quo. While the Congress says the onus is on the Centre to stop mining, the BJP has been asking the State government to withdraw the clearances it has issued to mine developers and operators.

The story so far: The Hasdeo Aranya forests are called the lungs of Chhattisgarh. Over the past one year, protests against mining in this region have erupted several times and some still continue to sit-in demanding a complete stop to mining. Amidst this, on July 26, the Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly unanimously passed a private member resolution urging the Centre to cancel allocation of all coal mining blocks in the ecologically sensitive area.

What is a private member resolution?
According to Chakshu Roy, who heads the legislative and civic engagement initiatives at PRS Legislative Research, an MLA who is not a Minister – whether she happens to be from the ruling party or not – is a private member. A private member resolution can be brought in by a private member and if passed, it becomes an expression of what the House thinks. This is different from a private member bill which would become law in case of approval.

The Hasdeo forests are ecologically sensitive due to the rich biodiversity they offer and due to the presence of a large migratory corridor for elephants

Such private member resolutions were passed by the State Assemblies of Punjab and Kerala, during the farm law agitation, where both state legislatures had expressed their displeasure against the then proposed (now withdrawn) farm laws. In the given case, the Chhattisgarh Assembly has passed a resolution urging the Centre to cancel allocation of all coal mining blocks in the Hasdeo region.

Who moved the resolution and why?
Dharmjeet Singh, an MLA who represents Lormi, a segment of the Bilaspur Lok Sabha constituency introduced the resolution. Mr. Singh is one of the three MLAs from the Janata Congress Chhattisgarh (J) or JCC(J). The JCC(J) is a party founded by former Chief Minister Ajit Jogi and is currently being led by his son, Amit Jogi, and has three MLAs in the current Assembly. Mr. Singh has been a vocal supporter of the protests going on in the Hasdeo region and had also tried to move the resolution in the last Assembly session. With Assembly elections scheduled next year, Mr. Singh's party is also looking to ride on the popular and intensifying anti-mining sentiments, say those from other parties.

What is the importance of the Hasdeo-Aranya region?
The Hasdeo Aranya (Aranya means forest) lies in the catchment area of the Hasdeo river and is spread across 1,878 sq km in North-Central Chhattisgarh. The Hasdeo river is a tributary of the Mahanadi river which originates in Chhattisgarh and flows through Odisha into the Bay of Bengal. The Hasdeo forests are also the catchment area for the Hasdeo Bango Dam built across the Hasdeo river which irrigates six lakh acres of land, crucial to a State with paddy as its main crop. Besides, the forests are ecologically sensitive due to the rich biodiversity they offer and due to the presence of a large migratory corridor for elephants.

When did the controversy surrounding coal mining start?
Underneath the Hasdeo Aranya is a coalfield that comprises of 22 coal blocks. In 2010, the Centre categorised Hasdeo Aranya to be a "no-go" zone for mining. It ruled out mining in any of these blocks. However, only a year later, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF) granted clearance for the mining for one coal block. At present, of the 22 blocks, seven blocks have been allotted to different companies, says the resolution.

Of these, two – the Parsa East Kete Basan (PEKB) and Chotia (I and II) – are operational. The PEKB Phase I has been completely mined while there has been local opposition to mining and deforestation in Parsa, PEKB Phase II and Kete Extension – all three allotted to the Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Ltd (RRVUNL).

After the gram sabhas opposed mining in the Madanpur South and Gidmudi Paturia blocks that were allotted to the Andhra Pradesh Mineral Development Company (APMDC) and Chhattisgarh State Power Generation Company (CSPGC) respectively, clearances were withdrawn. Mr. Singh's resolution notes that mining activities are halted in all five of these blocks.

Four other blocks had been listed for auction by the Centre but were taken off the list after the State government wrote a letter requesting the Centre to not allow mining in these blocks located in the catchment areas of the two important rivers Hasdeo and Mand. In his resolution, Mr. Singh has urged the State government to use the same principle to stop mining in the already allocated Hasdeo coal blocks where no activity has started thus far. He suggested that these companies may be allotted coal blocks elsewhere in Chhattisgarh or in rest of the mining-rich areas in the country.

Mass sit-in: People have been continously protesting the mining projects in Hasdeo Aranya. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Will mining stop after the resolution is passed?
Despite the members of both the ruling Congress and the principal Opposition BJP – that is in power at the Centre – adopting it, the resolution isn't expected to change the status quo. While the Congress says the onus is on the Centre to stop mining, the BJP has been asking the State government to withdraw the clearances it has issued to mine developers and operators (MDOs) who handle all mining activities on behalf of the companies that hold the mining lease. Mr. Singh said in his speech that due to mining in PEKB and Parsa, three lakh trees will be felled which would be detrimental to Chhattisgarh. While urging the Centre to stop mining, he also mentioned the clearances provided by the State government such as the final clearance from the forest department and those under the Air Pollution Act and the Water Pollution Act.

During the discussion on the private member resolution, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said it was for the Centre to decide to whom a coal block should be allocated and that the State government had no role in it. Activists, however, say that the clearances mentioned in Mr. Singh's speech are like a veto power held by the State government that can stop mining activities from starting. They also reiterate, as did Mr. Singh in his speech, about Congress President Rahul Gandhi's promise during a visit to Madanpur village in 2015 where he assured that he would fight for the local tribals opposing coal mining.

EXPLAINER

The Kansas win on abortion and its bearing on other U.S. states

With mid-term polls coming up in November, will it be an election issue?

SUDIPTA DATTA

THE GIST

- In a referendum on August 2, voters in the conservative state of Kansas in the U.S. decided to protect rights to abortion.
- The 'Kansas No State Constitutional Right to Abortion and Legislative Power to Regulate Abortion Amendment' was defeated. It would have allowed elected representatives to pass laws regarding abortion.
- The amendment's failure will boost Democrats' hopes that the abortion rights issue will lead voters to the party in the November 8 elections.

The story so far: In a referendum on August 2, voters in the conservative state of Kansas in the U.S. decided to protect rights to abortion. This was the first electoral test in any state after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned *Roe vs Wade* in June, ending the constitutional right to abortion guaranteed by a 1973 judgment. The 'Kansas No State Constitutional Right to Abortion and Legislative Power to Regulate Abortion Amendment' was defeated, with almost 59% of voters saying no, according to projections, thus maintaining the legal precedent set by *Hodes & Nauser vs Schmidt* (2019) that the Kansas Bill of Rights provides a right to abortion.

What did the amendment propose?
The amendment, which was to be inserted in Section 22 of the Kansas Bill of Rights, proposed to change the constitution to provide that the state "does not require government funding of abortion and does not create or secure a right to abortion." It would have allowed elected state representatives and state senators to "pass laws regarding abortion, including, but not limited to, laws that account for circumstance of pregnancy resulting from rape or incest, or circumstances of necessity to save the life of the mother."

What does it mean for other states and political parties?
In her report for *Politico*, Alice Miranda Ollstein said the surprise win in one of the most conservative states in the country highlights the "gap between what a majority of voters want and what a number of Republican candidates and lawmakers are pushing – both in Kansas and in several other states sure to play a key role in the upcoming mid-term elections." The former U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo (Republican) had urged pro-life Kansans to get behind the amendment to ban abortion and vote 'yes'. Democrat Senator Elizabeth Warren who had campaigned for the 'Kansans for Constitutional Freedom', opposing the amendment, tweeted that the "Supreme Court doesn't get the last word in a democracy. We the people are fighting back. And it's working."

The amendment's failure in the conservative state will boost Democrats' hopes that the abortion rights issue will lead voters to the party in the November

Sign of hope: A poster urging voters to reject an amendment to restrict abortions in Kansas on August 2. • REUTERS

8 elections. President Joe Biden said the Kansas vote "makes clear what we know: the majority of Americans agree that women should have access to abortion and should have the right to make their own health care decisions."

Appealing to Congress, Mr. Biden said it should "listen to the will of the American people and restore the protections of *Roe* as federal law."

How is the situation on the ground?
According to the Center for Reproductive Rights, at the time of the Roe overturning, high courts in 10 states – Alaska, Arizona, California, Florida, Kansas, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Montana, New Jersey, New Mexico – "recognised that their state constitutions protected abortion rights independently from and more strongly than the federal constitution." These protections can be overturned only through referendums. The Kansas referendum win is important because things are difficult on the ground in a conservative state like Kansas, where there has been "continuing efforts to restrict abortion access". A Center for Reproductive Rights report on state constitutions points out that there are only four medical abortion clinics in Kansas, and that 98% of Kansas counties have no clinics that provide abortions.

It allows pregnancies to be terminated up to 22 weeks with other restrictions, including a compulsory 24-hour waiting period and parental consent for children. The Kansas legislature is controlled by anti-abortion Republicans but the governor, Laura Kelly, is Democrat and will have to slug it out at the mid-terms against her Republican opponent and state attorney general Derek Schmidt.

Abortion is currently illegal in seven states including Oklahoma, Missouri, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, South Dakota and Arkansas, and other states are working to enforce abortion bans like Kentucky. Calling the referendum verdict an "enormous victory" for the people of Kansas, Nancy Northup, president and CEO, Center for Reproductive Rights, said that the win would "protect the fundamental right to personal and bodily autonomy" of women.

What is happening in Congress?
In July, the House of Representatives voted to restore abortion rights nationwide. It also passed a second bill to prohibit punishment for a woman or child who decides to travel to another state to get an abortion. But the bills do not have a chance of becoming law as support is lacking in the 50-50 Senate. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi told *AP*: "We have to elect a couple more Democratic senators so that we can get around the filibuster ...[and] can pass legislation that truly impacts a woman's right to choose. There's no halfway measure."

For cab drivers, a trip in the rain is all pain and no gain

Many say they would rather miss a few hours' pay than a month's earnings on repairs

JAHNAVI T.R.
BENGALURU

One of the most common complaints heard around the city when the skies start to open up is the lack of availability of cabs and autos. Thousands of stranded commuters wait for sometimes up to an hour to find a cab to take them to their destinations.

Many wonder why this happens despite a surge in rates during rain, but the drivers and owners say that they would rather miss out on a few hours' pay than spend their entire month's earnings on the repair of cars in case of breakdowns.

Breakdown of vehicles following flooding renders drivers helpless and impacts their pockets. • FILE PHOTO

With inundated roads becoming a common feature in the city during the rain, this, combined with potholes, make it extremely difficult for any vehicle to navigate through.

These issues lead to the breakdown of vehicles in the middle of the road, which renders drivers helpless and impacts their pockets.

"Often, when there is rain, we cannot see the potholes. One wrong move and the car gets filled with water. If the water reaches the engine, then we have to stop right then and there. We have to call a friend to help us tow the vehicle," explained Rajesh, who is attached to an aggregator. He added that repairing the engine would cost anywhere between ₹60 and ₹85,000 depending on the make and model of the car.

The drivers also mentioned that main roads and busy areas are more inundated and difficult to drive through than the outskirts. Marathahalli, Sarjapur, Hebbal, JP Nagar, HSR Layout, Rajarajeshwarinagar, Mahalakshmi Layout, and Horamavu rides are their nightmares. They acknowledged turning off their apps during heavy rains as it is safer to do so.

"Just a few hours ago, a friend got into an accident (due to reduced visibility in rain) and his vehicle is now damaged near Hebbal. There are special rain rates, it is true, but it is not worth spending thousands for a few hundreds. There is no guarantee that we can bring the vehicle home in safe condition. Towing charges depend on the distance and if we have customers inside when the car breaks down, then we feel guilty for not being able to drop them home," lamented Lokesha, another cab driver.

Similar is the plight of autorickshaw drivers. Unlike their cab driving counterparts, these drivers are not even protected from rain and winds. It is also easier for the water to enter into their vehicles as there are no doors. They also have to spend at least a few thousands on repair and service, in case of breakdowns.

"We know that we should provide our services to the passengers, but the auto drivers have families too. They have their own financial problems. These are the kind of people who cannot afford to spend extra on vehicle repairs. There are some kind hearted customers who pay an extra ₹10 or ₹20 to value our service, but most have a problem with paying extra even during extreme weather conditions when the auto drivers cannot find another customer on their way back and have to return empty", said Sampath, general secretary, Adarsha Auto Union.

For delivery partners

Cab and auto drivers might turn off their apps in the rain, but food delivery partners do not get their day's pay if their targets are not met. Come rain or shine, they have to deliver their orders. While the food aggregator companies arrange support for food deliveries in case of vehicle breakdowns, they do nothing to help the delivery partners.

"Driving on the city roads on any given day is dangerous, let alone the rainy days. The rain surge rates have also been cut down in the recent days on both Swiggy and Zomato. It is a more risk - lower reward situation now for delivery partners," said Vinay Sarathy, president, United Food Delivery Partners' Union.

People ferried on tractors

Schoolchildren being taken in tractors after an apartment is flooded in Bengaluru on Thursday. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Incessant rainfall on Thursday left many taking to social media complaining about flooding, thereby, leading to traffic snarls.

In Rainbow Drive, Sarjapur Road, children were forced to take a tractor ride to negotiate the stagnant rainwater. Residents held a protest against the civic authorities. Poorna, a resident of Rainbow Drive, said that since last Tuesday, the whole area has been submerged in rainwater. "We have to deploy a tractor to pick up residents and children from the layout entrance to their homes. We are still struggling to drain out the water since the last few days, but the civic body is not helping us overcome these issues," she added.

On Kaggadapura main road in CV Raman Nagar, residents said the road was submerged and vehicles could not ply. Sathya, a resident said, "People are struggling during rain in this area. The authorities are deaf to residents' complaints."

Bengaluru recorded 396.2 mm of rainfall between July 28 and August 3, according to the Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre (KSNDMC). Till 7.15 pm on Thursday, the city received 11.53 mm of rainfall according to the KSNDMC website.

BMTC buses are reliable, but not without problems

'Water from windows soaking seats'

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

At a time when other options like auto-rickshaws and cabs are not available, buses of Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) come as the lone saviour of commuters, but even so, travelling in these buses during monsoon is quite a task. While finding a seat is not always possible, passengers have to face problems of getting drenched inside the bus, thanks to leaky roofs and windows.

Heavy rainfall in the last few days have led to the roofs of even newer BMTC buses leaking. In some buses, windows do not close completely and make way for more water to seep in.

"If it is raining, then it means that half of the seats in the bus are wet. The crowd is more during these times. Those of us standing will be at least half drenched by the time we reach our stops as water seeps in and splashes through windows. On days of downpour, I have seen the roofs leak too," said Jyotsna T., a commuter from Ganganagar. S. Babu of Bengaluru Bus Prayanikara Vedike (BBPV) added: "I was on a bus from Depot 12 on Wednesday when the rainwater caused the LED light inside the bus to burn out. The floor of the bus was also wet due to the rain. I have written complaints to the BMTC several times over the years. But, there seems to be little action from their side."

BMTC officials said that such problems are unavoidable during the rainy season. "Nobody expected it to rain so heavily. Our teams are working continuously to ensure hassle-free travel for the passengers," said G. Satyavathi, MD, BMTC.

Another bus related problem faced by the commuters is the lack of space near bus shelters when it is raining. "What happens inside buses is a part of a larger infrastructure issue. The bus shelters are occupied by two-wheeler riders who are stranded, and those waiting to take buses, end up getting drenched," pointed out Shaheen Shasa of BBPV.

Residents complain about contaminated water

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

After heavy rainfall lashed the city on Thursday evening, residents of Banashankari 2nd stage complained about contaminated water flowing directly from BWSSB pipeline. The residents found that the water was stinking, muddy and filled with worms. "My family complained that the water is contaminated with mud and worms were visible. This started to happen after the downpour on Thursday evening. My neighbours too had the same issue," a resident said.

The residents complained to BWSSB officials, who have assured them that the issue will be addressed within 24 hours. An Assistant Executive Engineer of the BWSSB said, "We are identifying the cause of the contamination in the water, where, according to residents, worms and mud have been found. Within 24 hours, we will resolve the issue."

'If progeny of judges call on JOs at their residence...'

Independence of judiciary is realised by an individual judge remaining independent, says P. Krishna Bhat, HC judge

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

If the progeny of the judges of the most superior court in the country call on the Judicial Officers (JOs) at their residence with eager litigants in tow with an attempt to pass slips and thereafter drop the name of their forbear with hints of protection, then there is a serious problem to the independence of the judiciary, said Justice P. Krishna Bhat, a judge of the High Court of Karnataka, on Thursday.

"Discussions about the 'independence of the judiciary' and threat to the same abounds the air now. To my mind, threat to the 'independence of the judiciary' is a myth," he said. "Independence of judiciary is realised by an individual judge remaining independent. How is that attained? It is only by the judge internalising certain values and virtues," he said. Mr. Justice Bhat, who retires from the service on August 7, was addressing the companion judges and advocates during the customary farewell given to him on behalf of the High Court and the Karnataka State Bar Council.

Mr. Justice Bhat was speaking from his experience of 22 years spent as a district judge since 1998 during which he had also served in three prominent posts – as Registrar (Vigilance), Registrar (Judicial), and Registrar-General of the High Court – before he was elevated as a judge of the High Court in 2020.

He was of the view that "judge acting judiciously has so many protections under law... There is a vague and lingering view that there is less threat to the independence of the judiciary – written or oral from without than within; in the manner petitions, complaints, calculated branding is handled internally."

Another worrisome aspect, Mr. Justice Bhat said, "Is the not infrequently heard complaint that at crucial stages in their career like period of probation, promotion, etc. Judicial Officers pass certain orders because they were 'told' so." Such situations have caused incalculable damage to the credibility of the functionary in particular and the institution at large. If such an allegation is established or such a perception prevails, judge is not independent and credibility is permanently dented, he said while posing a question, "What then is the remedy?"

Mr. Justice Bhat said: "At the first blush, it may appear absurd and drastic. Judges, Judicial Officers and such other high functionaries like Lokayukta/Upa Lokayukta should offer themselves for narco-analysis test with the simultaneous liability for similar test on persons named by the functionary concerned, if the functionary feels the complaint is false and motivated."

"Similarly, if judges are found frolicking in destination holiday centres in a questionable company, the question is bound to arise as to his independence as a judge," Mr. Justice Bhat said.

Judicial officers will be independent so long as they avoid doing "excesses in the name of protocol, and undertake administration in a fearless and independent manner regardless of possible 'phone calls' and 'slips passed' and inevitable possible reprisals," said Mr. Justice P. Krishna Bhat. Mr. Justice Bhat also pointed out that a judge, who subsequently became the Chief Justice of a High Court, had written a letter to the Chief Justice for action against a district judge for not receiving him at the airport. "Excesses in protocols seen by me include abject obsequiousness and gifting costly articles," he said.

"It came to my knowledge that one Principal District Judge procured a costly sari to present to the spouse of a dignitary from New Delhi who was on a private visit with instructions not to wait on him, and to the mirth of all those present, the dignitary couple walked away without so much as looking at it," he said.

BJP sets target of hoisting national flag on 75 lakh houses

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The BJP State unit has set a target of ensuring that the national flag is hoisted on a minimum of 75 lakh houses in the state as part of the Har Ghar Tiranga programme.

Announcing this at a press conference in Bengaluru on Wednesday, BJP State General Secretary N. Ravikumar said the national flag would be hoisted from August 13 to August 15 under the programme to mark the platinum jubilee celebrations of the Indian Independence.

The party was keen that a minimum of 35,000 houses should hoist the national flag in each of the 224 assembly constituencies, he said, and pointed out that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had given a call for hoisting the national flag on more than 20 crore houses in the country to celebrate the 75th Independence Day.

To achieve the target, the party would hold preparatory meetings from August 4 to 6 at all the 58,000 booths in the State as well as Assembly constituencies at the district level, he said.

The party volunteers would take up a campaign to contact residents' welfare associations, youth organisations, and associations to join hands in making the programme a success, he said.

Flag yatras would also be taken out in 75 taluk centres while cycle/bike jathas would be held in 175 places, he said. Similarly, the women's wing of the party would organise women's jathas with the portraits of women icons like Kittur Rani Chennamma, Rani Abbakka Devi and Onake Obavva in 175 places while Raitha Morcha would take out the flag yatra in decorated bullock carts.

The party will take up a campaign to promote the use of swadeshi attires like khadi and cotton during these programmes, he said. Efforts would be made to provide access to general public to 75 books on freedom fighters and freedom struggle brought out by the State government under the Vishwa Bharatige Kannadada Arathi programme.

Phone-in programme

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

BWSSB will hold a phone-in programme on Saturday. It will address the grievances of consumers connected to water billing, manhole overflowing, meter reading, improper water supply and sanitary issues. Call 080-22945119 between 9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Expression of Interest Notice No. EOI-SBC-01-2022 Dated : 04-08-2022

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from interested Individuals, NGOs, Trusts, Charitable Institutions, Corporates etc., for the following work up to 15-00 hours on 10-08-2022:

Sl.	Station Identified	Approx. Length of track approach	Detailed of work
1	SMVT Bengaluru	9100 Sq.m.	Beautifications of Railway area/premises at station approaches along the track for development of Green cover/patches by planting low height plants at its own costs.
2	Yelahanka Jn.	1195 Sq. m.	
3	Hebbal	4100 Sq.m.	
4	Channasandra	1500 Sq. m.	
5	Yeswantpur	7505 Sq. m.	
6	Bengaluru	550 Sq. m.	

The interested sponsoring Organisation/parties are advised to submit their applications send by email to sdencosbc@gmail.com or by post to Divisional Railway manager (Works),I.II Floor, Works Branch, South Western Railway, Bengaluru-23 or by Person to Tender Section, Engineering Branch, IIIrd Floor, SWR, Bengaluru-23

The allotted Organisations/party may display it's name with relevant details as per good industry practice on a maximum 10 Sq. ft. area (Temporary) no extra space /facilities for advertising/publicity shall be given to them

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(Govt. of Jharkhand Undertaking)
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☎: 0651-2491084, 7:0651-2491015, E-mail: project.grda@gmail.com.

Ranchi, Date: 04.08.2022

NIB No: - GRDA/Yoj/Rev.MP/01/2022- 01, Dated:27.06.2022
Tender ID.: 2022_GRDAL_59998_1
P R No.: 272568
Work Title: - "FOR THE SELECTION OF CONSULTANT FOR THE REVISION OF MASTER PLAN AND PLANNING, DESIGNING and DETAIL ENGINEERING OF ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS OF CORE CAPITAL AREA OF JHARKHAND AT SITE I, HEC AREA RANCHI".

CORRIGENDUM-02

Sl. No	Ref./Clause No.	As per RFP	As per Corrigendum 1	As per Corrigendum 2
1.		Last Date/Time for submission of online Bids-05.08.2022 at 1700 Hrs.	–	Last Date/Time for submission of online Bids-22.08.2022 at 1700 Hrs.
2.	NIT & Timeline	Date of Tech. Bid Opening -05.08.2022 at 1700 Hrs.	Date of Tech. Bid Opening -08.08.2022 at 1230 Hrs.	Date of Tech. Bid Opening -23.08.2022 at 1230 Hrs.
3.	Clause No. 2.3.4	Joint Venture/Consortium of the Consultants shall not be allowed for providing Consultancy Services.	–	Joint Venture/Consortium of the Consultants shall be allowed upto maximum **Two Firms** for providing Consultancy Services
4.	Clause 11.1, Sl. No. 3.	Experience: Evaluation of the applicant of last 05 years only will be considered.	–	Experience: Evaluation of the applicant of last 10 years only will be considered.
5.	Section 1, Clause 2.1	Technical Capabilities: Preparation of detailed project reports of Infrastructure works for cumulative project cost of Rs. 300 crores (at least one DPR should have been prepared in each of the water supply, sewage disposal, storm water drainage, solid waste management, lake/river front development/landscape and road.	–	Technical Capabilities: Preparation of detailed project reports of Infrastructure works for cumulative project cost of Rs. 300 crores (which must include the water supply, sewage disposal, storm water drainage, solid waste management, lake/river front development/landscape and road) in same or in different projects.

NOTE: Corrigendum-02 (including date extension) and all other information can be referred from the e-tender site of Govt. of Jharkhand i.e. **(http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in)**

Sd/-
General Manager (P&P)
GRDA, Ltd.Ranchi

PR.NO.275164 Urban Development and Housing(22-23):D

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE SPECIAL COURT FOR TRIAL AND DISPOSAL OF COMMERCIAL DISPUTES CITY CIVIL COURT AT HYDERABAD, TELANGANA STATE

C.O.P. No. 46 of 2020

Between: M/s. Amara Raja Batteries Limited ..Petitioner

And : M/s.Spectro Alloys and Pigments and others ..Respondents

To,

Spectro Alloys and Pigments, An unregistered partnership firm, Having its office at: No. 50, Road No. 3, Jigani Industrial Area, Jigani, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru - 560105, Karnataka. (Respondent No.1)

Whereas the above named Petitioner filed the above Petition under section 9(1)(ii) of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 against you and others. You are hereby summoned to appear **on 22/08/2022 at 10.30 A.M.** before the Hon'ble Special Court for Trial and Disposal of Commercial Disputes, City Civil Court at Hyderabad, Telangana State failing which appropriate order may be issued against you.

(As per the order of the Hon'ble Court)

Advocates for the Petitioner
Mr. M.S. Srinivasa Iyengar
&
Mr. Hiranderath, Advocates
Plot No.43, U.B.E. Colony, Road No.3, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad, Telangana State - 500 034.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my Clint **Mr. NAYAZ PASHA,** Aged About 36 Years, S/o. Late **Chand Pasha,** Residing at No.437, 8th Main Road, Mariyanahalli, Jayanagar, Bangalore South, Bangalore-560 041. **AADHAAR:** 6311 7722 0846., (My Clint is Presently absolute Sale Deed Owner) my Client **has lost the Connected Original** Registered Sale Deed, Vide Registered **Document No.3834/1990-91, Book No-I, Volume No.3335, Pages: 55 to 58, dated: 23/02/1991, and Original Chand Pasha Sale Agreement and Link Documents Reference Schedule:** Immovable Residential Property ACC Sheet Roofed Ground Floor House constructed on the **Site** No.12, **Out of V.P. Khata** No.82/1, **New BBMP Khatha** No.82/1/12, Situated at 1st Cross, **"ARAKERE GRAMA"** Arakere, Kaval Road, **"JAI HANUMAN NAGAR"** ARAKERE, Bangalore-560 076, Presently Comes Within the Jurisdiction of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, **New BBMP Ward No** 193, Bangalore, Bounded on : **EAST BY: Private Property, WEST BY: 30' Feet ROAD, NORTH BY : House No.13, And SOUTH BY House No.11,** and Totally Measuring: **EAST to WEST. 40'-0"** (Forty Feet) Feet and **NORTH to SOUTH: 56'-0"** (Thirty Feet), **Totally Measuring : 1200 Square Feet.** The General Public are hereby informed that nobody shall deal with the said Document and if any person is are in custody of the same, they are hereby called upon to hand over the same to the under signed immediately. **If any Persons objecting for the said purchase may lodge their objections with the undersigned along with supporting documents within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which my client shall presume that there is no objection and proceed with the sale transaction.**

ROSHAN ZAMEER. BA,LL.B.
ADVOCATE
NOOR CHAND ASSOCIATES,
Office No. 283, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Main Road, Beside Sevi Sagar Hotel, Govindpura Arabic College Post, Bangalore-560045
M : 9886831626

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General public are hereby notified that my client intends to purchase the schedule property from its owner **SMT.B.N.BHAGYA, W/o. Sri.S.M.JAYAPRAKASH Residing at NO-2/3, Sunaada, Sneha Enclave Opp to Bharath Gas Godown, Venkateshwara Layout, Jayanthi Nagar, Horamavu, Bengaluru-560043.** Apart from the said owner if anyone is having any claim, right, interest , charge, possession, sale, lease, mortgage, lien, share, trust, maintenance, easement, pre-emption,or otherwise howsoever in any manner over the schedule property or any part there of shall lodge their claims with original documents with the under signed with in 15 (Fifteen)days of this notice. If no claims are lodged with in 15(Fifteen) days of this notice it is presumed that **"SMT.B.N.BHAGYA"** is in possession and having valid and marketable title to the schedule property and my client will proceed with the purchase of the schedule property. Objection received thereafter will not be binding on my client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable Property Bearing, Plot No-117,Presently having BBMP B Khata comprised in Converted Survey No-38/1A of Horamavu Village, Krishnarajapuram hobli, Bangalore, duly converted for Residential Purpose vide Office Memorandum no -B.D.S.ALN(E)S.R)(K.R.P.HOBLI)199/2006-07. Now Coming under the Jurisdiction of of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), **Presently addressed as BBMP No-117, 5th Cross, Brindavana m Layout, Horamavu, Bengaluru-560016,** measuring East 18.8ft, west 31ft North 40ft and on the South 41.10ft, in all measuring 990sqft,situated at Horamavu Village, K.R.PuramHobli, Bengaluru East Taluk Bengaluru and bounded as Follows :-

East by: Road , West by: Plot No-108
North by: Plot no-116, South by: Private Property

S.KOMAL KUMAR (ADVOCATE)
BSPS Associates
No.207, 2nd Floor, Swiss Complex, Race Course Road, Bengaluru-560001.
Mobile: 9901521796 / 9448879509
Date: 04-08-2022
Place: Bangalore

IN THE COURT OF THE I ADDITIONAL SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE AND J.M.F.C AT DEVANAHALLI, O.S. No.481/2021

Between:
Hary Michel Anil and another ...Plaintiffs
And
Smt Lucydas and another ...Defendants

Notices to Defendants No.1 & 2 UNDER ORDER 5 RULE 20 R/W SECTION 151 OF CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE

Defendant No.1: Smt Lucy Das, S/o Susheth Das, Aged about 62 years.

Defendant No.2: Sri Susheth Das, S/o Rakkadas, Aged about 46 years Both are residing at: #14, 1st Cross, Erathipalya Layout, N.G.E.F. Krishnayanapalya, Indiranagara, Bangaluru 560038

Whereas the above named plaintiffs filed the instant suit for the relief of declaration and for other consequential reliefs in respect of the suit schedule property against the defendants No.1 &2.

Whereas, the said defendants No.1 & 2 are hereby summoned/noticed to appear in the said case in person or by a pleader duly instructed. The said suit stands posted for the appearance of the Defendant No.1&2 **on 08/08/2022 at 11.00 a.m.**

The said Defendant No.1 & 2 are required to appear before this Hon'ble I Additional Senior Civil Judge at Devanahalli, in default of appearance of defendants No.1 &2 on the day and hour above mentioned the above case will be heard and determined Ex-Parte.

"A" SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Old Sy.No.66/1, New Sy.No.66/5 situated at **Dasanayakanahalli village, Jala Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru** measuring to an extent of 0-32 guntas bounded on the

East by: Property of C.S.Naganaju;
West by: Property of Narayanappa;
North by: Property of C.S.Naganaju;
South by: Property of Chikkahalleppa (Papanna)

"B" SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Old Sy.No.66/1, New Sy.No.66/6 situated at **Dasanayakanahalli village, Jala Hobli, Bengalur North Taluk, Bengaluru** measuring to an extent of 0-16 guntas out of 0-32 guntas bounded on the:

East by: Property of Papanna;
West by: Property of Narayanappa;
North by: Plaintiffs property remaining portion South by: Property of Rathnamma and Anjinappa.

Given under my hand and seal of this Hon'ble court on this day of 11th July 2022.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
Chief Ministerial officer
Senior Civil Judge & J.M.F.C
Court Devanahalli
Advocate for Plaintiffs
Sri K.Maregowda, Advocate
Office at-1st Floor, Narayanachar complex, Subbaiah Road, Devanahalli Town, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural Dist.
Devanahalli Date : 03-08-2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my Clients **(1) Mrs. UMME TALHA,** W/o. Mr. Shaikhan Mohammed Obeidulla and **(2) Mr. SHAIKHAN ABDUL MUHAYMIN,** S/o. Mr. Shaikhan Mohammed Obeidullah, both are residing at H.No. 2/203, Bharpet, Adoni Mandal, Adoni, Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh - 518 301, Have entered into Agreement of Sale with the Vendors namely **(1) Mr. SARDAR SHARIFF,** S/o. Late Akbar Shariff, Residing at No. 1245, 2nd Main, Ambedkar Layout, Kavalbyrasandra, RT Nagar Post, Bangalore - 560 032. **(2) Mr. ASLAM BASHA,** S/o. Late Dadajan, Residing at No. 7, 14th Cross, Kanaka nagar, RT Nagar Post, Bangalore - 560 032. **(3) Mr. ADIL PASHA,** S/o. Mr. Akmal Pasha, Residing at No. 20, 1st Main, Manora yarapalya, RT Nagar, Bangalore - 560 032 and **(4) Mr. D.R. SALEEM,** S/o. Mr. Abdul Razak, Residing at No. 96, ITI Layout, 6th Main Road, Bangalore - 560046, towards purchase of the Schedule Property. The above said Vendors have purchased the Schedule Property from Mr. R. Narayana Swamy and Three Others through a Registered Absolute Sale Deed, Registered as Document No. HSB-1-00788-2019-20 of Book-1 and Stored in CD No. HSBD331, Dated 03-07-2019, in the Office of the Sub-Register, Gandhinagar (Hebbala), Bangalore. The above said Vendors are currently holding the Khata of the Schedule Property in their Joint Names and they have been paying Property Taxes in their Joint Name. Further, they have obtained Sanctioned Plan towards the Construction of a Building over the Schedule Property and have completed the same. Accordingly they have Executed Agreement of Sale in favour of our Clients.

Any Persons Claiming any manner of Rights, Title and Interest concerning the Schedule Property may file their Objections / Claims in writing with supporting documents to the undersigned within a period of **7 Days** after Issuance of this Public Notice. If no such Objections are received within such period, our client shall proceed to conclude the Sale Transaction from the above said Vendors considering that there are no such Claims or Objections concerning the Schedule Property or its Title.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing New Municipal No. 48, PID No. 95-65-48, Situated at **6th Main Road, Kavalbyrasandra New Layout,** Old BBMP Ward No. 95, New BBMP Ward No. 32, Kavalbyrasandra (Formerly House List No. 891, Formed out of Survey No.s 62/3 and 62/4, Situated at Kavalbyrasandra Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk), Bangalore, measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 57+58½ Feet, Totally Measuring **2300 Square Feet** and bounded on the :-

EAST by : House List No. 890, West by : House List No. 892, North by : 30 Feet Road, South by : Property belongs to Mr. Chikkaraya appa.

Together with Newly Constructed Structure Consisting of Ground, First, Second and Third Floors.

SHAKEEL AHMED, NIRANJAN .M, Advocates,
No. 14, 1st Floor, Near Post Office,
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98453 71800 / 73383 46136.

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Sai Pallavi in *Gargi*. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

IN THE LIMELIGHT

The need for hope in times of despair

Even amid the uncertainty that an all-encompassing calamity like the pandemic brings, cinema still retains some control

THE GIST

- Post the COVID-19 pandemic, the known-unknown consensus of cinema being a significant destination for solace, like any art form, feels all the more real. The success of commercial entertainers like *RRR* and *Pushpa* continue to add up to cinema's reputation for aiding escapism.
- However, there were also stories like the *Mare of Easttown*. Watching Mare emerge out of life's tribulations tells us that we may not always get a rope to pull us out of a corner; it's a voice that urges us to look back that gives hope and that we need to find that voice within us.
- The lenses of consumer preferences do not point from the masses to an individual viewer, but the opposite. When the experiences of individuals who make up the collective target group align, what works and what doesn't work become all the more perceptible.

BHUVANESH CHANDAR

It's no news that multiple lenses to look at cinema have been added in recent years. Film watching experiences continue to evolve, and dissecting the consumer preferences of this long and fast evolving art form still boils down the results to what pundits simply put as understanding the audience's psyche. Post the COVID-19 pandemic, the known-unknown consensus of cinema being a significant destination for solace, like any art form, feels all the more real. Hence, content that appeases an average viewer, and vis-a-vis the collective target audience, should work in mainstream cinema. The formula hasn't changed, but deepened, thanks to pandemic blues, social seclusion, and the advent of streaming platforms.

The need for a hero

This open book formula when viewed with the broader changes in consumer behaviour that we are already aware of – like, the notion of the ever-decreasing attention span – also points out why some content worked better in the last three years. For instance, commercial entertainers continue to add up to cinema's reputation for aiding escapism. This might again be why big star commercial entertainers like *Master*, *Pushpa*, *RRR*, *KGF: Chapter 2*, *Soorarai Pottru*, *Bheemla Nayak*, *Vikram* and *Sooryavanshi* have fared well despite having serious storylines anchoring the film. Would it really be a surprise if watching a slow arthouse film or a long, depressing series seem more like a 'task' now more than ever? The growing impatience has become more discernible, specifically in the post-pandemic OTT world, when one begins to visualise a 10-second fast-forward button while watching an unengaging film in a theatre.

Quite interestingly, looking back at all the above-mentioned commercial hero vehicles, a compelling similarity is also the fact that all of them appeal to the basic psychological incline towards watching 'the rise of a hero'. It is the Rajinikanth formula that continues to be perfected. Witnessing people fail in their powerless lives can get a tad too palpable during adverse times, and to avoid de-sensitising hopelessness and to dodge existential thoughts, a dose of hope becomes too necessary. Hope is what these films deliver.

To keep the fight

If sitting through an emotionally overwhelming movie is one thing, television shows that require considerate time to care for a character becomes another helpless undertaking. The same can't be said for last year's Kate Winslet-starrer *Mare of Easttown*, which is anything but just a sob story. It followed a heartbroken police detective Marianne Sheehan, who puts a fight to muster courage and keep going. If the trauma of losing a child and ending a long-term relationship isn't enough, Mare is also forced to fight for custody of her grandchild while also simultaneously heading a murder investigation for which she is being scrutinised by the townspeople and media.

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Watching Mare emerge out of these storms did tell us that we may not always get a rope to pull us out of a corner; it's a voice that urges us to look back that gives hope and that we need to find that voice within us. Having a character arc like this in a murder-mystery series also ensures that there's a meaty suspense story to keep us hooked. The same applies to the recently released Sai Pallavi-starrer *Gargi*, a feature film with an extremely distressing premise that deals with child sexual abuse. Thanks to Sai Pallavi and the writing, the film left us thinking about a lot more than just despair.

In some shows like *How To Get Away From Murder*, the redemption of the protagonist is astonishing, and on some levels, even quite unconvincing. The show's protagonist Annalise Keating (Viola Davis), a defence attorney and a law professor, is in truth a superhero of sorts who keeps going through enormous amounts of trauma and keeps getting back up to the extent that it makes you question your own strength.

From the individual to the masses

Does this mean that anything that moves away from these theories doesn't work? Cinema is cinema. Any code will be broken. If commercial entertainers with an inspiring redemption should work all the time, the less-than-anticipated hype for a film like 83, even post its digital streaming, shouldn't have been the case.

When it comes to the decreasing attention span and impatience in watching slow movies, even an impatient viewer might not disapprove of a film's slow-paced treatment if the same is justified and one can see that in the reception that content like *Nomadland* and *The Great Indian Kitchen* get.

Sardar Udham worked despite its hyper-realistic depiction of a gruesome event and a tragic ending due to its patriotic themes and historical relevance apart from other cinematic reasons. Audiences watched *Dil Bechara* for the same reason why many avoided it. Serious films that deal with hard-hitting social messaging, like *Karnan* and *Jai Bhim* are spoken about more so for the conversations they created in society, regardless of whether they necessarily ended with tragedy or triumph. Who can say? A new-age *Devdas* if released in the thick of a lockdown, on a streaming platform, might still touch souls who find comfort in romanticising their pain and in watching a relatable character. Similarly, a film or series that insensitively depicts mental health will be called upon, but the onus on how to consume depressing content is with the audience.

If any of these aforementioned titles should be dismissed as exceptions, they still make a point that the lenses of consumer preferences do not point from the masses to an individual viewer, but the opposite. When the experiences of individuals who make up the collective target group align, what works and what doesn't work become all the more perceptible. At an age when online reviews and social media chatter seemed to have diluted the subjectivity aspect of cinema, an all-encompassing calamity like the pandemic has reaffirmed the belief that even amidst an overwhelming climate of uncertainty, cinema retains some control.

THE DAILY QUIZ

With U.S. Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taiwan, the small island has become the centre of existing U.S.-China tensions. Here's a quiz on Taiwan

1. Which body of water separates Taiwan from the Asian mainland?
2. What are the colours of the Taiwanese flag?
3. What was the Portuguese name for Taiwan?
4. From which province in China did the majority of the initial Chinese migrants come to Taiwan?
5. Who is considered to be the founding father of the Republic of China?
6. Which Taiwanese company accounts for more than 50% of the global semiconductors market?

◄ Identify this building.

Please send in your answers to the **dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in**

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. The christened name of Kishore Kumar and the name he took when he married Madhubala. **Ans: Abhas Kumar Ganguly and Karim Abdul**
2. Kishore Kumar was to play this role in a hit Hrishikesh Mukherjee film. **Ans: The lead role of Anand Sehgal in the 1971 film**
3. The evergreen song from 'Half Ticket'. **Ans: 'Aake Seedhi Lag Dil Par'**
4. This person beat Kishore Kumar in 1982 for for Best Male Playback Singer in the FilmFare awards. **Ans: His son Amit Kumar**
5. The reason Kishore Kumar's songs were banned on AIR and Doordarshan from 1976 till the end of the Emergency. **Ans: For declining to sing at an Indian National Congress rally in Mumbai**
6. The last song that Kishore Kumar recorded was for this reputed music director. **Ans: Bappi Lahiri**
7. The song Kishore used in 'Jhumroo' for which he composed the music. **Ans: 'Koi Hum Dum Na Raha'**
Visual: The contribution of Jimmie Rodgers to the Kishore Kumar legend. **Ans: Jimmie's adeptness at rhythmic yodeling inspired Kishore to add that style to his repertoire, which became a trademark of his singing**

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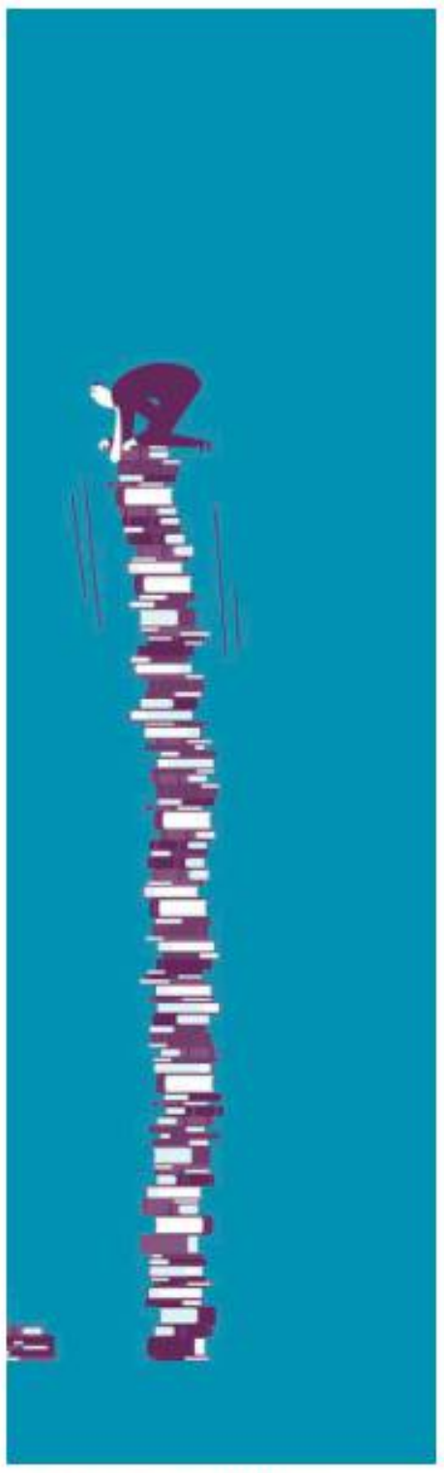

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

"Good morning, sir."
"Good morning"
"What is the difference between 'intra' and 'inter', sir?"

"These two are completely different. 'Inter' means 'between', 'among', 'reciprocally or mutually shared'. International business, international relations, international communications, inter-collegiate lectures, inter-party differences, inter-disciplinary studies. 'Intra' means 'within' 'on the inside'. Intra-coastal waterway is inside the coastline. 'Intra-party quarrels' are quarrels within the party. 'Inter-party quarrels' are quarrels between one party and the other."

"Sir, is it correct to say 'The building is founded on a rock'? I am worried about the word 'founded'. Shouldn't it be 'found', sir?"

"We have two different verbs. Find-found-found. Found-founded-founded. You know the meaning of 'find'. 'Found' means 'to set on a firm ground or base', 'to establish'.

He founded an empire.
This hospital was founded by my friend.
He founded a new school of poetry.
His arguments are not founded on facts.

'Founded' is from the verb 'to found'. It is not from the verb 'to find'. I hope it is clear now."

"Yes, sir. What is the meaning of 'He blows his own trumpet'?"

"It means that he is boastful, he talks about himself and his achievements all the time. He praises himself. I can't stand him.

He blows his own trumpet all the time.

To 'toot one's own horn' means the same as 'to blow one's own trumpet'."

"What is the difference between 'laudable' and 'laudatory', sir?"

"'Laudable' means 'worthy of praise', 'commendable'.

His action is really laudable.
The plan to build a hospital is laudable.
His efforts to help the poor are laudable.

'Laudatory' means 'expressing praise'.

At the meeting, laudatory references were made to his service to the community.
Don't take his laudatory remarks seriously. He was trying to flatter you.

When you do something laudable, you will receive laudatory comments. 'Laudatory' is a literary word."

"Sir, today we have hit a century. This is our hundredth meeting."

"Is that so? Well, this is an occasion to toot our own horn. But let it not be too loud or long. Goodbye."

"Thank you, sir. Goodbye."

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RISE 06:06	SET 18:44
RISE 14:10	SET 00:54

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Bengaluru Tomorrow
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Security guards roped in to decongest traffic outside schools

Traffic police also conduct awareness drives on parking of private vehicles

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Following a series of complaints on the traffic police's social media account on how motorists are affected due to traffic jams in front of schools across the city during peak hours, the traffic police on Wednesday launched a special drive to rope in security guards of the institutions to train them to manage traffic flow effectively.

Security staff of many schools in the south division have been trained on traffic control and signals to handle the traffic and ensure students and staff are safe. The police also conducted awareness drives on parking of private vehicles as school vans and buses often lead to congestion.

The police have advised the school staff and security personnel to ensure that no school vehicles are parked outside or around an educational institution's premises except when students are boarding and deboarding. "The security guards have been trained to ensure there are no jams outside the school," a senior police officer said.

Though many schools have started following the instructions, people have also complained about how the police are not focusing on other issues of blatant violations of traffic rules, such as parents and even school staff not wearing helmets or seat belts when they come to pick up their wards.

However, senior police officers opined that there main focus is to ensure smooth flow of traffic and decongestion. Ensuring road discipline may end up in traffic chaos and the whole purpose of free flow of traffic during the peak hour may backfire, they said.

Drive against footpath encroachment

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Rajajinagar police on Thursday booked a mechanic and a push cart vendor for encroaching the footpath and endangering the safety of pedestrians.

The accused, Noushad Baig, 41, and Mohammed Saifulla, 44, were arrested for repeat offence as even though they were booked earlier under Section 283 (causing danger, obstruction or, injury in any public way, or line of navigation) and given warnings twice, they continued to encroach the footpath by parking vehicles and keeping their wares. The duo was released on station bail and has been warned that their vehicles will be confiscated next time, B.R. Ravikanthe Gowda, Joint Commissioner of Police (traffic), said.

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Three-day cubs, bulbuls camp concludes

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The three-day regional-level cubs and bulbuls camp - Chaturth Charan and Heerakh Pankh 2022 organised by Kendriya Vidyalaya DRDO, C.V. Raman Nagar, concluded on Thursday.

According to a release, Deputy Commissioner and Divisional Commissioner of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sanghatan, Bengaluru Region, Sirimala Sambanna, chief guest at the inaugural ceremony of the event said that the camp for the Cubs and Bulbuls was a test for understanding and improving the students' mental well being. He motivated the students to work for not only the badge, but also for the President's award.

Principal of KVDRO and Chief of the Camp, R. Venkateshwar Rao, spoke about the importance of the camp. The valedictory function was held on Thursday evening in which the participants and in-charges shared their experience and learnings.

Corporates deploy civic warriors to ease traffic on ORR

They have also been trained to tackle civic issues

DARSHAN DEVAIAH B.P.
BENGALURU

At a time when Bengaluru city traffic police are issuing guidelines to various establishments to hire private guards to regulate traffic and parking, the Outer Ring Road Companies' Association (ORRCA), which represents all companies on Outer Ring Road (ORR), is helping the traffic police and civic authorities to manage traffic by deploying marshals on the 20-km stretch.

Every morning, around 7 a.m., 25 marshals hired and trained by ORRCA will arrive at Bellandur and divide their work under four jurisdictional traffic police stations on ORR and start managing the traffic along with the police. Apart from ORR, the marshals will also manage traffic on arterial and sub-arterial roads near the ORR.

Vehicles plying on Outer Ring Road at Banashankari. • FILE PHOTO

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Krishna Kumar Gowda, operations manager, ORRCA, said: "They have been working tirelessly for the last 12 years to manage traffic with the police. Now, we have also trained them to be civic warriors where they will also tackle civic issues."

After controlling the traffic during peak hours, the marshals will identify the potholes, footpath damage, illegal road digging, and illegal garbage dumping and alert the civic agencies. "All marshals have qualified till Class X or XII. Before they go to the ground, they are trained by ORRCA in rules and regulations on traffic and civic policies so that they are aware about what they are doing. During the pandemic, they were also involved in creating awareness about COVID appropriate behaviour," Mr. Gowda said.

Recently, the marshals have been given GPS-enabled cameras to capture various civic issues which they will share to the authorities for further action. Marshals have been working to decrease the threats faced by OFC cables on footpaths for pedestrians by alerting the agencies. P. Kulkarni, ORRCA traffic administrator, said that recently, electric mobility startup Yulu provided the marshals their bike facilities which can be used to travel from one point to another on ORR during work hours.

Commuters are also happy to see the marshals working on the ground and helping them. Nagesh Kumar A., a frequent commuter from HSR Layout to K.R. Puram, said he had benefited from the service of marshals when his car broke down in the middle of the road. "I panicked since it was leading to a traffic jam. Immediately, the marshals helped to put aside my car, managed the traffic well, and helped me take the car to the nearest service centre," he said.

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Religious fervour

People crowd at a market on the eve of 'Varamahalakshmi Vratha', a festival held to worship the goddess of wealth, in Bengaluru on Thursday. • AFP

Power shutdown tomorrow

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

There will be no power supply on Saturday between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in view of maintenance works.

The areas to be affected are: 66/11 kV Kachamaranahalli MUSS: Whitefield, Gunjur, Ramgundanahalli, Kachmaranahalli, Varthur, Gunjur Main Road, Alasahalli Road, Balegere, Hagadur, Madhurnagar.

66/11 kV Divyashree Tech Park MUSS. MBS Tech Park, HUAWEI, Divyashree Tech Park and Minor Irrigation.

Power supply will be disrupted from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the following areas: 66/11kV Golf Link: Wind Tunnel Road, Murugeshpalya, S.R. Layout, Runway compound Road, Vinayaka Nagara, Ashok Avenue Road, K.R. Garden, Domlur Outer Ring Road, Amarjyothi Layout West Wing.

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HC upholds withdrawal of permit to sell firecrackers in congested localities

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has upheld the 2012 decision of the city police withdrawing permissions granted earlier for selling firecrackers in congested localities like Chickpet, Mamulpet, Sultanpet, etc.

Justice Krishna S. Dixit passed the order while dismissing the petitions filed by M/s. Madhi Trading Co. and nine other traders.

The petitioners had moved the court in 2013 questioning the rejection of their appeal by the DG&IGP against the order issued by the City Police Commissioner, who in April 2012 withdrew the no objection certificates (NOCs) issued earlier to the petitioners for selling firecrackers in their shops located in these congested areas.

The NOCs were withdrawn for the reason that any fire mishap arising from crackers and fireworks cannot be easily handled and abated, because of difficulty of fire engines moving in narrow lanes that are thickly congested and over populated.

"The interest of the public would be more served by petitioners and other traders shifting their business to safer areas than being permitted to continue in the same areas in question," the court observed, while finding no illegality in the 2012 decision of the police.

Man held for carrying heroin worth ₹112 crore

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence officials on Monday busted a drug racket and arrested a 35-year-old man at the Bengaluru Railway Station and seized 16 kg of heroin worth ₹112 crore. The man had concealed it in a specially-designed cavity of the trolley bag that he was carrying.

The accused, who hails from the Karnataka-Kerala border, had landed in Bengaluru airport by a morning flight from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and was on his way to New Delhi by train, when the DRI officials traced him at the KSR railway station and arrested him.

The accused, who had gone on a business visa to Addis Ababa for a week, was assigned the job by a gang to handover the trolley bag to a person soon after landing at Delhi railway station. This is probably the biggest seizure by the Bengaluru unit of DRI so far, sources said.

Another carrier nabbed

Earlier, on Wednesday, the DRI officials, based on profiling and analysis, caught a 30-year-old African national and recovered ₹11 crore worth of cocaine in the form of capsules which he had consumed. He was made to undergo a medical procedure to recover the drugs.

The accused, according to the officials, had visited the city on a tourist visa from Addis Ababa. His handler told him to meet his contact in Delhi and hand over the consignment to him.

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Spurt in viral fever, respiratory tract infections among children

Paediatricians attribute this to weather and reopening of schools

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Doctors in the city are noticing a spurt in viral fever and respiratory tract infections among children aged below 12. While many primary school teachers said that at any given point, at least 15-20 students in a class are reporting sick, paediatricians said one in every four children is down with a flu-like infection since the last three weeks.

Many primary school teachers say that at any given point, at least 15-20 students in a class are reporting sick. • FILE PHOTO

Within a week

Many children are showing symptoms again within a week of recovery from the initial infection. Attributing this to inclement weather and reopening of schools, doctors said most reporting with flu-like infection are developing viral pneumonia.

Chikkanarasa Reddy, professor of Paediatrics at Bowring and Lady Curzon Medical College and Research Institute, said he is seeing over 120 children every day at the hospital with high grade fever, cold, cough, vomiting and DIARRHOEA. "Although symptoms are similar to COVID, they are not being tested. We are treating them symptomatically. The incidence is higher this year with schools reopening," he said.

S.R. Lakshmipathy, Senior Consultant - Paediatrics at K.C. General Hospital, said the paediatric ward in the hospital is running full with several of the infected children requiring admission. "Almost all children have flu, wheeze-associated lower airway infections and viral pneumonia. Many are requiring admission," he said.

'Wear a mask'

Advising precautions, the doctor said apart from schools, children are also getting infected through adults in their homes. "Parents are passing on the infections to their children most of the time. It is advisable that they wear a mask when they go out to social functions. If the child is sick, they should seek medical advice without going in for self-medication," he said.

Shivananda, former director of Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health, said although the symptoms that children present with are similar to COVID, doctors can differentiate by the type of cough. "Children we are seeing now are reporting with protracted cough (chronic wet cough) unlike a COVID-induced cough that is dry and persistent. Besides, many are reporting with similar symptoms again within a week of recovery," the doctor said..

Private hospitals

Private hospitals too are witnessing a similar scene. Gunda Srinivas, Consultant- Paediatric Emergency and Paediatrics at Aster RV Hospital, said apart from viral infections, some are also reporting dengue-like symptoms such as fever, severe bodyache, vomiting and abdominal pain.

"Parents should seek immediate medical advice if their child has a high grade fever for more than 48 hours or has a worrying cough or has vomiting and stomach ache," the doctor said.

Rashmi Jeenakeri, Consultant Neonatologist at Apollo Hospitals (Sheshadripuram), said viral infections are common with dip in temperature and wet weather. "Our immune system fails to mount a quick and adequate defense response leading to rapid spread of viral infections that are highly contagious in children and adults alike. Parents should keep their children at home if they are sick. This will prevent the spread among other children," she added.

HC notice to State govt. on row over CET ranking

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Thursday ordered issue of notice to the State government and the Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) on the petitions filed by a group of students questioning non-consideration of their marks obtained in the 2021 pre-university course while allotting ranks to them in the Common Entrance Test (CET)-2022.

Justice S.R. Krishna Kumar passed the order on the petitions filed by Eshwar R. and seven other students. The court adjourned further hearing till Monday as it was pointed out that several other petitions were filed in the court's registry by other students on the same issue.

The petitioners have said that they completed their II PU course in 2021. Though they had appeared for the CET-2021, they did not pursue admission to professional courses last year but appeared for the CET-2022.

However, the petitioners have said that the KEA has allotted ranks to them based on the marks secured by them only in the CET-2022 papers without considering their II PUC marks. In the case of students who appeared for the II PUC exams in 2022, the KEA has considered the marks of II PUC and CET-2022 in 50:50 ratio, the petitioner said while complaining discrimination against them.

State sees 1,992 new cases, three deaths

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Karnataka on Thursday recorded 1,992 new COVID-19 infections taking the total number of cases to 40,14,514. With this the day's Test Positivity Rate (TPR) stood at 6.46% and the weekly TPR touched 6.33%. Of the new cases, 1,342 have been reported from Bengaluru Urban alone.

With three deaths, the State's toll touched 40,111. Besides, 42 deaths of patients due to non-COVID-19 reasons have also been recorded. As many as 2,107 persons were discharged on Thursday taking the total recoveries to 39,63,294. Active cases stood at 11,067 on Thursday.

As many as 30,834 tests were conducted in the last 24 hours.

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CORRIGENDUM

With reference to the e-Auction Notification No. **BDA/EM/e-Auction/T-03/2022-23 dated 14.07.2022 published in this newspaper on 01.08.2022** due to a technical error the auction of sites of Sl. No. 71 to 140 were cancelled. These sites are being re-auctioned. Last date and time to express interest of participation: 02.09.2022, 6.00 PM IST. Date and time for closing e-Auction: 03.09.2022, 6.00 PM IST. The other terms and conditions remain the same. BDA regrets for the inconvenience.

Sd/- Engineer Member

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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-Procurement Portal Only)

The Deputy Director (Admn), invites tender from the eligible contractors for the following work.

Sl.No.	Particulars	Tender Amount	EMD Amount
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The tender shall be submitted through e-Procurement Portal: **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** Vendors need to register in the e-Procurement Portal to submit their bids online. The tender document can be viewed free of cost from the e-Procurement Portal.

1) Last Date and Time for Submission of Tender Documents through E-Procurement Portal: **18-08-2022, Time: 16.00 Hrs.**
2) Opening of Technical Bid: **19-08-2022, Time: 16.30 Hrs.**
3) Opening of Financial Bid: **will be intimated.**

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Bid Submission	**08.09.2022** before **3.00 p.m.** at the office of the Tender Invitee in person or through post. This office will not be held responsible for postal delay, if any.
Bid opening	**08.09.2022** at **3.30 p.m.** at the office of the Tender Invitee

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NOTICE

It is for information of all concerned that the candidates bearing following ID numbers have been selected for appointment of Assistant Environmental Engineer and Assistant Environmental Scientist in the State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, pursuant to the vacancies notified vide Advertisement No. 20501, dated 20.12.2021, No. 980, dated 21.01.2022 and Advertisement No. 20499, dated 20.12.2021. The category-wise list of finally selected candidates are as follows:

A. Assistant Environmental Engineer

Sl. No.	Category	Posts	Candidates' ID numbers
1.	UR [M (03) + W (01)]	04	OSPCB0001116, OSPCB0006495, OSPCB0005825, OSPCB0003596
2.	ST [M (03) + W (02)]	05	OSPCB0000336, OSPCB0001697, OSPCB0006099, OSPCB0002460, OSPCB0000494
3.	SC [M (03) + W (01)]	04	OSPCB0005636, OSPCB0002424, OSPCB0004087, OSPCB0001611

B. Assistant Environmental Scientist

Sl. No.	Category	Posts	Candidates' ID numbers
1.	UR [M (08) + W (04)]	12	OSPCB0002738, OSPCB0007368, OSPCB0005540, OSPCB0005061, OSPCB0002106, OSPCB0000549 OSPCB0007019, OSPCB0000356, OSPCB0004660, OSPCB0001151, OSPCB0001021, OSPCB0001953
2.	ST (01)	01	OSPCB0005701
3.	SC [M (04) + W (02)]	06	OSPCB0002855, OSPCB0000396, OSPCB0007346, OSPCB0001722, OSPCB0002029, OSPCB0001841
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IA.1/2021
IA.1588/2014
MOOP.178/2008

1.Palanisamy,S/o Ettigounder
2.Veerappan, S/o Ettigounder
3.Muthusamy,S/o Ettigounder
All are residing at:
Bodhupatti,Namakkal Town.
...Petitioners

Vs

1.Ponnusamy,
S/o.Marappa Gounder,
Bolwar Puthur TK,
Kanara-South Mangalore Dt,
Karnataka State - 574 201
...1st Respondent

NOTICE TO THE 1ST RESPONDENT

Take Notice that the above petitioners has filed the petition for Motor Accident Claim above petition was dismissed and petitioners filed Restore petition IA.1/2021 in IA.1588/2014 and the same stands posted to 28.09.2022. If you have any objection, you may appear before this court on 28.09.2022 at about 10.30am in person or by pleader, failing which the petitions will be heard and disposed of in your absence.

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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF 72nd ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH-73)
O.S. No. 25322/2021
BETWEEN :
M/s. ICICI BANK LIMITED Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560001 Represented by its Manager and Power of Attorney Holder **Mr. Pramodh G.** ...Plaintiff
V/S.
Mr. Prafulla Kumar Barik
...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

Mr. Prafulla Kumar Barik S/o. Mr. Basanth Barik, Aged About 45 Years, No. 06/1, Thyamma Layout, Dwaraka Nagar, Bagalur Main Road, Yelhanka, Bangalore-560063.

Whereas, the above named plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum **of Rs.12,68,320.09/- (Rupees Twelve Lakhs Sixty Eight Thousand Three Hundred Twenty and Paise Nine Only)** apart from future interest of 18% p.a., in **O.S. No. 25322/2021** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH-73,** Before Addl. City Civil Court, Mayohall, Bengaluru.

You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the 13th Day of September 2022 at 11 A.M. to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Exparte.

Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the 25th day of July 2022.

By Order of the Court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayohall, Bengaluru- 560 001

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IN THE COURT OF 72nd ADDL CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH- 73)
O.S. NO. 25351/2022
BETWEEN :
M/s. ICICI BANK LIMITED Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560001 Represented by its Manager and power of Attorney Holder **Mr. Pramodh G.** ...Plaintiff
V/S
Mr. Raju S & Anr.
...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

1. Mr. Raju S. S/o. Salman, Aged About 40 Years, 234, Flower Garden, 5th Cross Mysore Road, Bangalore South Bangalore-560018.
2. Ms. Nethra S. D/o. Shivanna, Aged 38 years, Same as above

Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs. 3,77,287.38/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Seventy Seven Thousand Two Hundred Eight Seven and Paise Thirty Eight Only)** apart from future interest of 15.22% p.a., in **O.S.No.25351/2022** and same is pending adjudication in CCH 73, Before 72nd Addl., City Civil Court, Mayohall, Bengaluru. You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the 13th Day of September 2022 at 11 A.M. to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Ex-parte.

Given undeniny Hand and Seal of the Court this the 28th day of July 2022.

By Order of the court
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City Civil Court, Mayohall, BENGALURU- 560 001

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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH 20)
O.S. No. 25057/2019
BETWEEN :
M/s. ICICI BANK LIMITED Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560001 Represented by its Manager and power of Attorney Holder **Mr. Pramodh G.**
AND :
Ms. Geetha Raj

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

Ms. Geetha Raj, D/o Mr. Susheelamma, Aged about 36 years, UNI- Solutions Bangalore (P) Ltd., No.60, 3rd Main Road, Hanumantha Nagar, Bangalore-560 019.

Whereas, the above named plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum **of 9,23,916.14/- (Rupees Nine Lakhs Twenty Three Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixteen and Paise Fouteen Only)** apart from future interest of 18% p.a., in **O.S. No. 25057/2019** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH 20,** Before Addl., City Civil Court, Mayohall, Bengaluru.

You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the 27th Day of September 2022 at 11 A.M. to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Exparte.

Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the 29.07.2022.

By Order of the court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayohall, BENGALURU- 560 001

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IN THE COURT OF ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH-21)
O.S. No. 26564/2019
BETWEEN :
M/s. ICICI BANK LIMITED Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560001 Represented by its Manager and Power of Attorney Holder **Mr. Pramodh G.** ...Plaintiff
V/s.
Mr. Ebenezer V. ...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT
Mr. Ebenezer V.
S/o. Mr. Velu, Aged About..... Years, Monika Hardware Plywood Glass & Electricals # 127 A, MRS Palaya, Nandhi Durga Road, Benson Town, Bangalore-560046.

Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs. 4,81,125.43/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Eighty One Thousand One Hundred Twenty Five and Paise Forty Three Only)** apart from future interest of 18% p.a., in **O.S. No. 26564/2019** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH-21,** Before Addl., City Civil Court, Mayohall, Bengaluru. You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the 07th Day of September 2022 at 11 A.M. to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Exparte.

Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the 1st day of August, 2022.

By Order of the Court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayohall, BENGALURU- 560 001

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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF 72nd ADDL, CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE, MAYOHALL ATBANGALORE (CCH- 73)
O.S. NO. 25340/2022
BETWEEN :
M/s. ICICI BANK LIMITED Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560001 Represented by its Manager and Power of Attorney Holder **Mr. Pramodh G.** ...Plaintiff
V/S
Mr. Manoj Kumar Das
...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

Mr. Manoj Kumar Das S/o. Mr. Prafulla Chandra Das, Aged About 34 Years, D- 434, East 5th Lane, ITI Colony, Doorvani Nagar, Bangalore- 560016.

Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs.8,95,692.02/- (Rupees Eight Lakhs Ninety Five Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Two and Paise Two Only)** apart from future interest of 8.90% p.a., in **O.S. No. 25340/2022** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH 73,** Before 72nd Addl. City Civil Court Mayohall, Bengaluru.

You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the 13th Day of September 2022 at 11 A.M. to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Ex-parte.

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By Order of the Court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayohall, BENGALURU- 560 001

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IN THE COURT OF 57th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH-58)
O.S. No. 25415/2022
BETWEEN :
M/s. ICICI BANK LIMITED Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560001 Represented by its Manager and Power of Attorney Holder **Mr. Pramodh G.** ...Plaintiff
V/s.
Mr. Shekar C. ...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT
Mr. Shekar C,
S/o. Chandra Shekar,
Aged About 45 Years, No. 8, 3rd Cross, 2nd Main, Rajeswari Nagar, Bangalore-560058.

Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs. 6,70,758.09/- (Rupees Six Lakhs Seventy Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Eight and Paise Nine Only)** apart from future interest of 15.10% & 8.75% p.a., in **O.S. No. 25415/2022** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH-58,** Before 57th Addl. City Civil Court, Mayohall, Bengaluru.

You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the 28th Day of September, 2022 at 11 A.M. to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Exparte.

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Integrated PU colleges: Boon or bane?

Concerns over course legality and impact on health remain

Overburdened with studies, students have little time for recreation. • K. MURALI KUMAR

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Gone are the days when students went from home to college to coaching centres during pre-university (PU) years. In the last few years, with PU colleges that offer integrated coaching classes mushrooming across the city, students spend close to 12 hours in colleges before going home. Many such colleges also offer boarding facilities and hence, for the better part of two years, students are engrossed in academics with little space for recreation. While there are many such centres up and running, government directives on them are far from clear.

Additional training

What are integrated PU colleges? While regular PU colleges offer the usual science, commerce and arts combinations, which are prescribed by the Department of Pre University Education (DPUE), integrated colleges offer additional training to prepare for competitive examinations like IIT - JEE, NEET, CET, CLAT, CPT and lately even UPSC. The trend of such colleges started in the city around 10 to 12 years ago as education institutions aimed to cut down on the need for separate coaching centres by offering such training at the colleges themselves. This training is usually provided after regular classes, thereby extending the total hours spent at colleges to more than eight hours.

While in some cases, it is the parents who admit their students to such colleges, in others, the students do so of their own free will. Over the years, such courses have received both praise and criticism. The extra hours, the ceaseless training and the academic pressure have led to many questions. The exorbitant fees has also attracted attention.

In the admission guidelines issued by the DPUE for the academic year 2022-23, it has been mentioned that illegally offering programmes in the name of integrated or bridge courses and charging additional fees for the same will lead to the cancellation of accreditation of such institutions. It added that legal action would be taken against the principal and the administration team of the institution. A number of combinations, which are approved by the government, have also been mentioned in the guidelines.

Viewpoint of colleges

The colleges that offer integrated courses argue that they have permission from the government. "If we do not have permission, it will become illegal. But we do have permission for what we are doing," said a staff member at one such PU College in Rajajinagar. When asked what is the difference between regular PU courses and integrated courses, they went on to explain, "If we teach one hour of PU curriculum, the next hour we will teach them either CET syllabus or JEE mains syllabus or NEET syllabus. We first solidify the basics and then teach advanced subjects based on them. This way, the students do not get burdened and their learning process is not hampered. It is a constructive approach and it depends on the choice of the students."

Some parents agree that it's the student's choice. "I am very happy with the traditional way of teaching, but my daughter was firm that she wanted to join an integrated programme only as she wants to become a surgeon. I know it will stress her out, but when the choice is right here, we cannot do much to stop our children from choosing such courses. So far, she has had no problems, but I have heard of some of her classmates struggling," said Vanaja P., a resident of Adugodi whose daughter is studying first PU at an integrated college.

For Bharathi G., admitting her son to an integrated college in Rajajinagar last year was a decision made to get him to concentrate more on his academics. But this was followed by shocks and regrets after the college demanded over ₹60,000 additional fee for a combined coaching of NEET and CET. Her son, Vishwas, said, "It is not difficult to cope with, but I feel a sense of pressure being exerted on me all the time. I hardly get to play or practise my keyboard lessons with all the assignments and test preparation."

From the mental health perspective of students, missing out on hobbies and interests has been found to lead to other problems, according to psychiatrists. They have observed that students who study in such colleges often suffer from examination anxiety and higher stress levels.

"These days, preparation for competitive exams start from the eighth grade itself. Whether it is regular PU colleges and extra coaching or integrated PU courses, parents should ensure that the child gets some time to relax and engage in at least one hobby. Some students study continuously for 14 - 15 hours and we have noticed that with so much stress, they become very anxious before exams. In fact, the anxiety itself can impair their performance in exams. Especially with these competitive exams, they develop anxiety about getting into premier institutions," said Dr. K. John Vijay Sagar, child psychiatrist, NIMHANS. He added that even residential schools that run such courses should make sure that children follow a healthy lifestyle, which includes indoor and outdoor games and one or two leisure activities.

The college managements said there was a wrong perception among people that integrated colleges mean over 12-hour days. "Since we run a residential school, it does not mean that children are being taught for 24 hours. They have yoga sessions, basketball or other sports classes. We also have counselling sessions for both students and parents to get out of stress and other general problems. Such courses have helped many people crack exams, get good jobs and it has improved their lives," said Sindhura, Managing Director of Narayana Group, which runs many educational institutions across country.

When asked about the State government's regulations surrounding integrated courses, she said, "Our legal teams usually handle whatever regulations that come up from governments from time to time. Integrated colleges are not new concepts, they have been around for decades now. We will check with the government's new guidelines."

Lack of clarity

Many educational institutions in the city and the state offer integrated courses despite the government's new guidelines. However, the government officials themselves did not have clear answers about what will be done to address the confusion. "The department will study how these institutions are working and then issue a clarification," said Ramachandran R., Director, DPUE.

For now, lakhs of PU students study in these integrated colleges and from a career point of view, the success rate is not uniform. While there is a higher success rate when it comes to engineering and medical, the same has not been observed when it comes to UPSC and CA-related courses, career counsellors have noticed.

"The effectiveness of it differs from one student to the other. In a way, integrated coaching is beneficial as students do not have to travel to coaching centres. But at the same time, since competition has risen higher due to such courses, the traditional way of studying by oneself has disappeared. With so many edu-tech companies and commercialisation of education, we do not know where we are heading. This needs to stop somewhere," said Asha Latha T.L., career counsellor and a psychologist.

Combinations prescribed by Dept. of PU Education

Commerce

- History, Economics, Business Studies, Accounts
- Economics, Geography, Business Studies, Accounts
- Economics, Business Studies, Accounts, Computer Science
- Economics, Business Studies, Accounts, Statistics
- Business Studies, Accounts, Statistics, Basic Mathematics
- Business Studies, Accounts, Statistics, Computer Science
- Economics, Business Studies, Political Science, Accounts
- Economics, Business Studies, Accounts, Basic Mathematics
- Economics, Business Studies, Sociology, Accounts

Science

- Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Biology
- Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Computer Science
- Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Electronics
- Statistics, Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics
- Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Home Science
- Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Geology

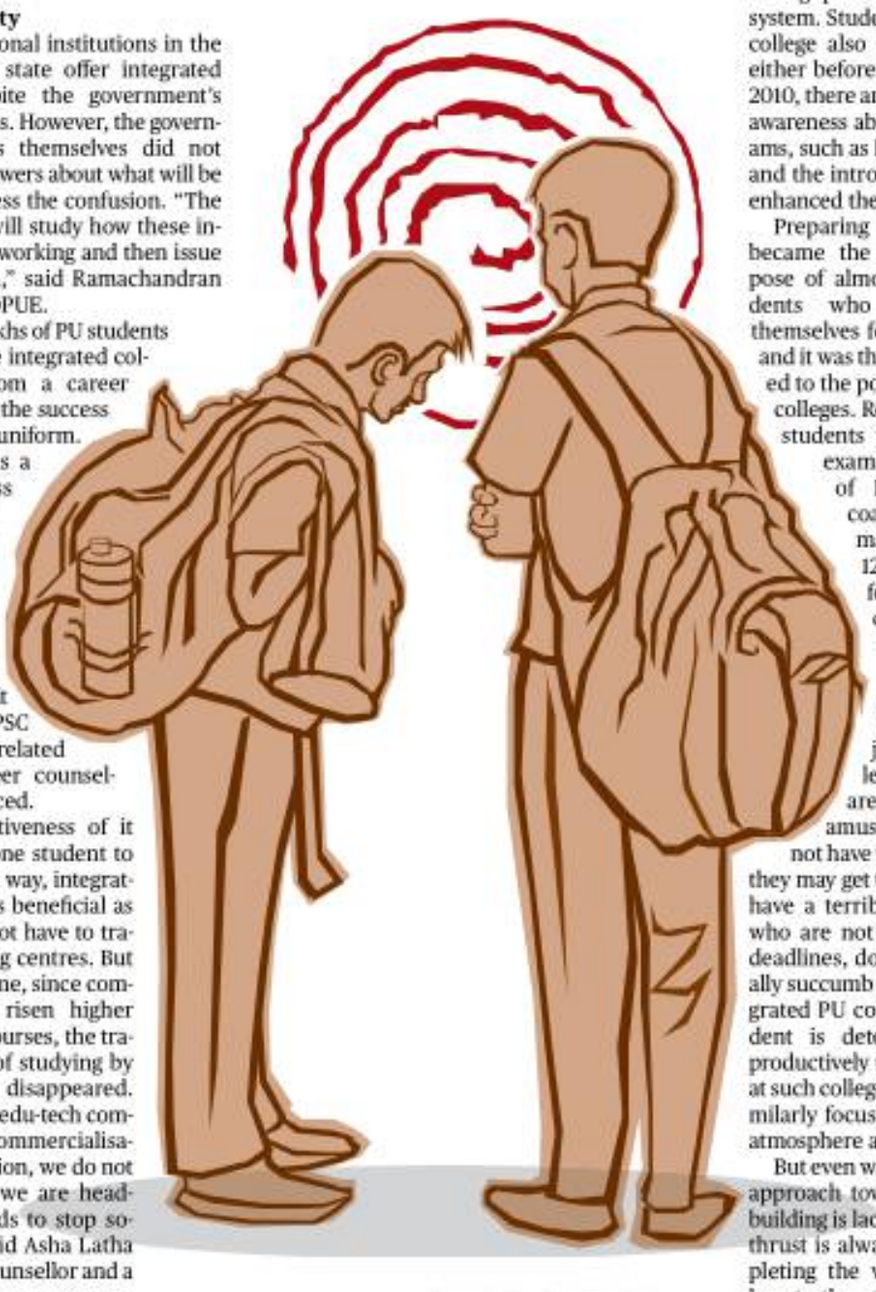
Courses offered at integrated PU colleges

- PCMB/PCMC/PCME with CET/NEET - UG/JEE MAINS/JEE ADVANCED
- CEBA - CA/CPT/CLAT
- Other combinations with UPSC training

Admission guidelines (2022-23) from Department of PU Education

Illegally collecting more than the prescribed amount of fees on the pretext of providing CET/AIEE/JEE/NEET, integrated course, bridge course training to the students in PU classes, tying up with other institutions, resource persons and using electronic media to teach students, will lead to the cancellation of accreditation of the colleges and legal action will be taken against the principal and the management.

The PU colleges that have received their accreditation from the department should not use the names of any organisations, coaching centres, or other institutions with their college or run educational activities under such understanding



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Two sides of the story

GUEST COLUMN

AMEEN-E-MUDASSAR

For almost 30 years from the 1990s, the private coaching syndicate had a strong presence outside the college system. Students who enrolled in a PU college also attended private tuition either before or after college. Around 2010, there arose a nationwide massive awareness about all India entrance exams, such as IIT-JEE, AIPMT and CLAT, and the introduction of NEET in 2013 enhanced the competition.

Preparing for these examinations became the sole purpose of almost all students who enrolled themselves for science courses in PU and it was this demand that contributed to the popularity of integrated PU colleges. Realising the need to make students prepare for competitive exams right from the first day of I PU, popular private coaching centres wanted to make students work for 10 - 12 hours with laser-sharp focus. This led many coaching centres to start integrated PU colleges.

Students who have a clear aim to crack the IIT-JEE or NEET only must join an integrated PU college. Integrated colleges are like a giant wheel in an amusement park. If one does not have the strength and stamina, they may get the shock of their life and have a terrible experience. Students who are not capable of meeting the deadlines, doing self-study and generally succumb to stress, must avoid integrated PU colleges. However, if a student is determined, their time is productively utilised and never wasted at such colleges. They will also find a similarly focused peer group, the right atmosphere and fewer distractions.

But even with all of its glitz, a holistic approach towards a student's career building is lacking in such courses. The thrust is always centred around completing the vast syllabus, which exhausts the students and causes burnout easily. For two years, students are made to see the world only through the lens of becoming a doctor or an engineer, and everything else is projected as lesser achievements in life. This has a huge psychological impact on students who do not make it even after two years into medicine or IIT, and for the rest of their life believe that they are incapable of achieving big things.

There is absolutely no mercy shown by integrated PU colleges when it comes to assessment and coaching. Most of them divide the students into three batches: rankers – the top 1% of students who are kept in a separate batch and given special coaching and all amenities; achievers – the top 20% who are given enough coaching to make it to rankers, and are a hope that they will make it finally and the last batch; money baggers – the remaining 80% of the students who get average marks but the college promises them a ride on the giant wheel.

While most integrated colleges are aware of how stressful it is for an average student to cope with rigorous coaching, they still admit many average and below-average students, which only helps them to achieve their financial target. Bright students scoring more than 90% are generally offered scholarships as there is not much effort required by the college to mentor or coach them.

Integrated PU colleges must make sure that they admit students only if the student proves that they are capable of coping with the pressure of two years. One must not sell false hopes to parents and students as they are mostly first timers and have absolutely no realistic idea about the giant wheel. Parents must not force their children to take up competitive exams unless they have a good understanding of the preparation it requires. Colleges will continue to make their courses available to everyone as their business is a number game, but parents should exercise caution.

(Ameen-e-Mudassar is Founder & CEO, CIGMA India)

Colour me mine

Three Bengaluru residents conceptualised a project that turned the walls of Indiranagar into a colourful canvas

:: SIMRAN AHUJA

Getting caught at a traffic signal forever in Bengaluru is as natural as breathing. However, if you have a choice of which signal to be stuck at, the one on 80 Feet Road, near CV Raman Hospital would be a good option. The reason? Freedom Wall, a newly unveiled art project by city residents Dushyant Dubey, Sameer Kulkarni and Satyajit Indramohan.

The initiative aims to bring to life forgotten heroes, freedom fighters and patriots via murals.

What most saw as a blank wall was an opportunity for Dubey, Kulkarni and Indramohan, who felt that students of the nearby Resurrection High School should have something inspiring to look.

"We wanted a mix of personalities including Srinivasa Ramanujan for children who love mathematics, , JC Bose for those interested in botany and Jiddu Krishnamurti for the more spiritual minded,". says Dubey, a 30-year-old corporate marketing manager.

Initially meant to be on just a long stretch of wall on 5th Cross Road, the scope of the project expanded after the three men (who have termed their collective, Namma Walls) visited the MLA of CV Raman Nagar constituency, S Raghu. With his help, the team was able to procure permission to include the compound wall of CV Raman Hospital too.

In total, 40 panels have been covered across both sections of the project, by a team of eight illustrators and eight painters.

Finalising the list of heroes for this project took Dubey, Kulkarni and Indramohan back to school since it meant poring over forgotten textbooks. The panels do not just include portraits of the famous figure but also depict significant scenes from their life.

BEHIND THE SCENES

The project was conceptualised in April and 38 of the 58 planned illustrations are completed. Besides logistical support, MLA S Raghu also helped the team with financial assistance.The remaining 18 illustrations are pending approval from Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL).
Each painting also carries a QR code that currently lands on an online encyclopaedic entry, but work is on to build a dedicated website and add more audio visual elements.

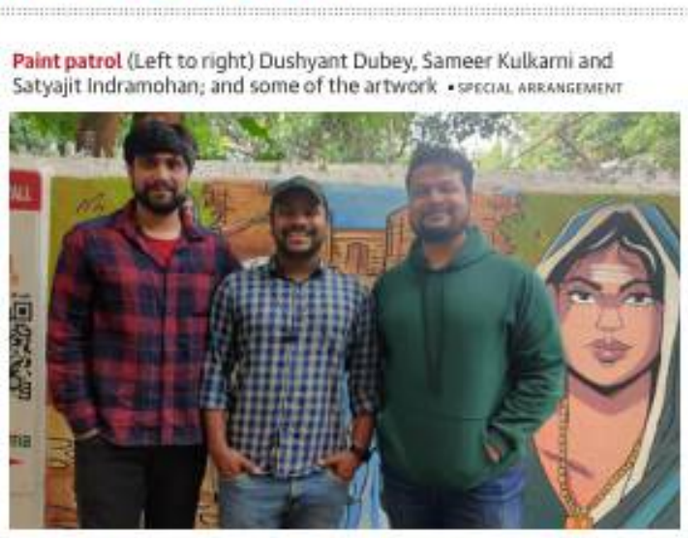
There is Babasaheb Ambedkar presenting the Constitution of India, M Visvesvaraya supervising the construction of Krishna Raja Sagara dam, and so on.

"One criteria was prominence. Everyone already knows of Mahatma Gandhi so we wanted to feature other figures who contributed to the history of India," says Dubey.

"We did not want to limit it to just freedom fighters. These people were pioneers in different fields including science, technology and education."

S Raghu suggested the artworks include figures from Karnataka too, including actors Dr Rajkumar and his son Puneeth Rajkumar, which is a favourite with city folk.

Pointing to a painting of Lachit Borphukan – a commander-in-chief of the Ahom army, in modern-day Assam – Dubey explains how many Assamese in the city have marvelled at the sight of him here in Bengaluru. "We once had a delivery agent show us the goosebumps on his arms when he recognised the painting on the wall."



Paint patrol (Left to right) Dushyant Dubey, Sameer Kulkarni and Satyajit Indramohan; and some of the artwork • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The project began in mid-April and was completed in mid-June.

"We've had everyone from policemen and party-goers to expats coming up to strike a conversation with us about this project. An ex-Army officer saw us doing this at midnight and requested a tour for his children," says the software engineer.

True to what he said, a few moments later, someone in a car stalled at the signal to come up to speak to Dubey and Indramohan. The man, they explain, appreciated their effort and wanted to know if his sons could help out with the initiative.

Even as the paint on these works has started to dry, the three are already brewing more ideas.

"Our next project is on Old Madras Road. Karunada Kanmanigalu would be more focused on icons across fields from Karnataka. As proud Kannadigas, we want to give it our best," says 28-year-old Indramohan.

COLOMBIA CONNECTION

The project involved eight artists, from different parts of the country such as Karnataka, Maharashtra, Kerala and West Bengal. Two international illustrators were also part of the team – Ricardo from Pesaro, Italy and Carl S from Fusagasugá, Colombia. "I responded to an ad that Dushyant had put out and that is how we started," says Carl, who illustrated the paintings on SL Bhyrappa, Aryabhatta, Ram Manohar Lohia, George Fernandes and Saalumarada Thimmakka.
After learning about the basic background of these figures from Dubey, the concept artist did his own research to learn more. "I didn't know much about Indian history and culture prior to this project. I enjoyed the vibrant colours and the different backgrounds of all the interesting characters. Art transcends boundaries and we can use it to connect people from all over the planet."

Gettin' juiced

Juiced, a dance theatre musical on mental health and wellness, will be staged at BIC this weekend

:: RUTH DHANARAJ

FRIDAYREVIEW

"Mental health issues are a part of everyone's life now; so what does it mean to accept it and move on, rather than wondering, 'Is something wrong with me and how can I get rid of it?'" says Sahiba Singh, founder of Flux, a community art space based out of Bengaluru.

Sahiba, who ideated and conceptualised *Juiced* over three months, says it is a dance theatre piece where movement and storytelling come together with live music.

Sahiba says *Juiced* could help people understand mental health and illnesses in their lives. "The idea behind *Juiced* is to bring awareness around mental health from a place of lightness and humour, and normalising it. It is not just about acceptance; we have to accept it and then integrate the shadow and the light within us. We can then heal from that place of awareness."

"I believe that while healing is required at various levels and in different forms, the act of creating art through painting, music, dance or movies independent of directly addressing the trauma, in itself brings about a certain measure of healing."

She says the piece is called *Juiced* with respect to the chemicals produced by the human brain – serotonin, dopamine and the like. "These are the juices of our brain and eventually, it all boils down to our biology. The physical aspect of who we are and how we behave emotionally are interconnected."

Juiced comprises a series of smaller plots which ties into one larger story. In keeping with Sahiba's penchant for surrealistic backgrounds, *Juiced* is set in an intergalactic juice cafe where patrons are served juice (read brain hormones) in the form of music. The 15-member troupe includes a bass guitarist, pianist, guitarist, drummer and two singers who will cover popular numbers in the musical.

Talking about her work, Sahiba says, "My focus is on using art as a tool for systemic and personal change. I work with an idea and give performers as well as participants the space to improvise. We keep working with the initial outcome to build a more nuanced approach to the topic; it gradually evolves into a part abstract, part dramatised depiction of what we are trying to say."

"I believe even the act of participating in or engaging with art brings about a movement within, that starts the process of healing; it is cathartic."

Juiced will be performed at the Bangalore International Center on August 5 at 8 pm. *Tickets available at venue, www.thefluxproject.com*

Heal the world Sahiba Singh; (top) Flux rehearsing • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Eye of the Tiger

Vinnod Prabhakar talks of his production house and *Lankasura*, the first film to be released under the banner

:: SHILPA ANANDRAJ

Vinnod Prabhakar, the son of villain from yesteryears, Tiger Prabhakar, is called Tiger these days. The actor decided to start a production house in the name of his late father and that is how Tiger Talkes happened. "We have deliberately missed the 'i' in the talkies for numerological reasons," explains Vinnod. His friend, actor Darshan, launched the logo of the production house. The first film to be released under his banner will be *Lankasura*, featuring Vinnod in the lead.

An out-and-out action film, Prabhakar says his character is named Raghava just like his character in Tharun Sudheer's *Roberrt.* , where he shared the screen with Darshan). "Since the name Raghava turned out to be lucky for me, we decided to go ahead with the same name for this film too."

Set in the underworld, Prabhakar says, "Though I have few dialogues in the film, they are powerful." The film, produced by his wife Nisha Vinnod Prabhakar, is directed by Pramod Kumar DS and features Parvathy Arun, 'Loose Maada' Yogi, Devaraj and P Ravishankar.

"The film has been extensively shot in Bengaluru, Goa and Mysuru. We had initially planned on shooting the songs abroad, but cancelled the idea once COVID-19 struck."

The music for *Lankasura* is composed by Bengaluru-based rapper, Vijayeth Krishna with Sugnan doing the cinematography. Prabhakar says the team is looking at a theatrical release. "*Lankasura* is a high-voltage action drama and best suited for a large screen."

On target Vinnod Prabhakar • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Short and sweet

The 12th edition of The Bengaluru International Short Film Festival (BISFF), which commenced on August 4, will continue till 14 August. In 2020, the festival was approved as an Oscar Academy Qualifying Festival for the Short Films. This year's festival will be in a hybrid format. The OTT screenings of the films began on August 4, and screenings at Suchitra and Max Mueller Bhavan will be on from August 11 to 14.

This year the festival is dedicated to Satyajit Ray for his centenary in 2022, with the poster as a homage to his legacy depicting the most memorable still from *Pather Panchali*.

The competition section, Women in Cinema Collective, will feature short films by women filmmakers, which is powered by Jain Trust.

Discussions and workshops will also be a part of the event, which will include a talk on 'Literature in Cinema' in collaboration with BookBrahma, a masterclass on 'Blocking for the Camera' by Balaji Manohar and more.

For details log on to www.bisff.in

Just the blues

Celebrate International Blues Music Day at RCB Bar & Café on August 6, where 13 local artistes will jam together.
Chronic Blues Circus (Bengaluru's oldest blues band) known for their original music, Raveen Panday (he has toured with Soulmate for three years), Prakash Sontakke (a slide guitar player who won a Grammy as part of Ricky Kej's first album), Jagadeesh MR (founder-member of the MoonArra World Fusion Ensemble), Nazmus Ahmed (from the IAMR Project) are some of the musicians who will perform at the event.

Applications invited for Toto Awards

Toto Funds The Arts (TFA) is inviting young musicians, writers, photographers, filmmakers and digital artists to send in their submissions for the 19th annual TOTO Awards. Founded in 2004 in memory of Angirus 'Toto' Vellani, an art and literature lover who died that year, the awards recognise the potential for excellence in various artistic fields. TFA, in the upcoming edition of Toto Awards, has announced a new category: TOTO Award for Digital Art (instituted in memory of artist Mehlli Gobhai) and an additional award for music.
There are 10 awards to be won in 2023 – two for Music (₹60,000 each), two for Photography (₹50,000 each), two for Creative Writing in English (₹50,000 each), one for Creative Writing in Kannada (₹50,000), two for Short Film (₹50,000 each) and one for Digital Art (₹50,000). Indian citizens between 18-29 years can apply till Sept 15. Log on to totofundsthearts.blogspot.com for more details.

Art and sparks

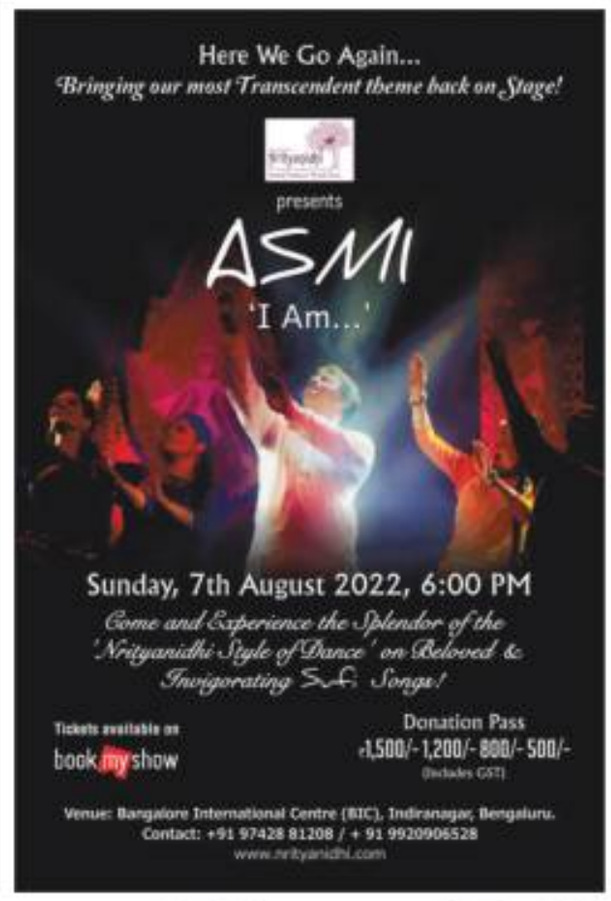
Head to Champaca at 11 am on August 6 to meet Nisha Nair, author of *Art Sparks*, a guide to developing meaningful art lessons. The book is a resource for artists, teachers and parents. The author will talk about meaningful art eductaion at the event.
"This book guides interested adults through an engaging process of art making with children," says Nisha. "The method, based on a workshop model, assumes that an artist is not simply an individual who is born with an innate natural talent, but someone who can draw well. Children will learn not only to create art, but also to be curious, ask questions and trust their imagination."

Ring in a little bit of Burma

Try some Burmese cuisine at Burma Burma, Indiranagar, which will feature dishes by celebrated chef, Mohib Farooqui. He has given a modern European spin to some of Burma's most loved dishes along with chef Ansab.
The menu will be on till August 7 for lunch and dinner. *Call 75060 61460.*

To market, to market

There will be a farmers market at @Blr Creative Circus on August 7 between 11 am and 3 pm.
You can pick up fresh fruits, vegetables, mushrooms along with homemade bread, jams, dips, ferments, and more.
The market is an initiative to connect the buyer to the source, while promoting those that grow food with utmost care for our health as well as the planet's.
Besides this there will also be live music performances, farm-to-table food at the circus canteen, and an arts corner for children and adults.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Amit Shah takes stock of law and order situation in State

Two senior officers, including DGP Sood, brief him on the ground situation in DK

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The murder of a BJP Yuva Morcha activist in Dakshina Kannada followed by resignations of several unit heads of the organisation that has put the ruling BJP under pressure came for review by Union Home Minister Amit Shah who took stock of the law and order situation on Thursday.

While he took stock of the political situation and the fallout for BJP from party leaders, he was also briefed by two senior police officers, including Director-General and Inspector-General of Police Praveen Sood, on the ground situation in Dakshina Kannada.

BJP leaders have been under pressure since the murder of Yuva Morcha office-bearer Praveen Nettaru at Bellare recently, as it was followed by resignations of Yuva Morcha office-bearers in several districts. The issue has also been discussed multiple times on party platforms, party sources said.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai with Union Home Minister Amit Shah in Bengaluru on Thursday. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Government sources said that while Mr. Shah had an one-on-one meeting with Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai to take stock of the situation before he met party leaders, including BJP State president Nalin Kumar Kateel, BJP general secretary C.T. Ravi, BJP (Organisation) secretary Rajesh, and Industries Minister Murugesh Nirani together.

Another source said that the Union Home Minister had been briefed by Mr. Kateel before he arrived in Bengaluru on Wednesday night, and that the senior leader followed it up with his meetings with party leaders and police officials.

"Former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa also gave his assessment of the situation and measures to be taken to set right the image of the party. Mr. Yediyurappa also gave his assessment on the political situation in the State after the grand 'Siddaramotsava' celebrations, organised in Davangere to mark the Congress leader's 75th birthday and its impact," the sources said.

During the meeting with BJP leaders, Mr. Shah is learnt to have discussed the strategy to strengthen the party in the election year. "Development issues and beneficiary oriented programmes were discussed to strengthen the party fold. Beneficiaries of the schemes are to be used to convey the party's message to the masses," sources said, adding that he had instructed the Chief Minister to tighten the administration since the State was heading to elections.

Cabinet rejig

Meanwhile, Mr. Bommai is heading to Delhi on August 6, and sources in the government said that there could be a possibility of a Cabinet rejig in the light of changing political climate in the State. "There have been basic conversation on the issue with Mr. Shah on Thursday, and it could be taken forward in Delhi," the sources added.

'India is rising to become a world power in the next 25 years'

Modi administration's policies have put the country on a fast growth mode: Shah

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

India has embarked on a rapid growth mode and no one can take the country lightly anymore as it is going to rise as a leading power in the next 25 years, said Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday.

"Prime Minister Narendra Modi in eight years gave a 'Sarva Sparshi, Sarva Samaveshi' government to the country. We have taken an oath for the welfare of the entire society. I can say with confidence that no one can take India lightly anymore," the Minister said at the 'Sankalp Se Siddhi' an event organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in connection with 75 years of Indian independence.

Union Ministers G. Kishan Reddy and Amit Shah with Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai at a CII event in Bengaluru on Thursday. • K. MURALI KUMAR

Taking a swipe at the erstwhile UPA administration, he said there was policy paralysis in the country. There were scams worth ₹12 lakh crore and these scams used to make daily news headlines and the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC), the CBI and the Supreme Court used to investigate these irregularities, he alleged.

"Due to all these, the reputation of the country had gone down in the world. Crony capitalism and price rise were at the peak and the ease of doing business had hit rock bottom then," he added. The Union Minister advised the industry to focus on changing the scale instead of increasing its speed by giving additional impetus to research and development. "Capital is an issue but you can promote R&D through a consortium. Indians are considered to be the best brains for R&D in the world and the CII should take efforts to do more R&D in the country," he urged the trade body.

When the pandemic hit the world, everyone was directionless and were worried where they would go because there was neither any medicine, nor vaccine anywhere, Mr. Shah said . However, amid the pandemic, India presented itself as a model. The economists worldwide recommended increasing demand, announced big packages and printed more currency notes but India concentrated on its policies, the Minister said.

Contest from Chikkamagaluru, Congress Kisan Cell urges Siddaramaiah

'Constituency, now represented by C.T. Ravi, has seen zero development'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

A day after the 75th birthday celebrations of Siddaramaiah in Davangere, KPCC Kisan Cell president Sachin Miga urged the former Chief Minister to contest the next Assembly elections from Chikkamagaluru.

In a video released to the press, Mr. Miga said Chikkamagaluru district hasn't seen development as the neighbouring districts of Hassan and Shivamogga had witnessed. C.T. Ravi of the BJP represented Chikkamagaluru four times in the Assembly and the district had remained backward compared to its neighbours, he said.

Siddaramaiah

"The MLA has not taken any steps to develop the district. Development is zero under the present MLA," Mr. Miga claimed while urging Mr. Siddaramaiah to contest from the constituency.

Mr. Ravi is a former Minister and is now national general secretary of the BJP.

The farmers' leader said Chikkamagaluru constituency had given political rebirth to the former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in 1978 after her defeat in Rae Bareli. She won against the Opposition's Veerendra Patil of the Janata Party in the byelections to the Lok Sabha seat.

In 2018, Mr. Ravi had challenged Mr. Siddaramaiah to contest against him from Chikkamagaluru.

Mr. Siddaramaiah hails from Mysuru and was elected from Badami in the 2018 Assembly elections. A few days ago, Mr. Siddaramaiah said that he would not contest from Chamundeshwari constituency in Mysuru. He lost there in 2018 against G.T. Deve Gowda of the Janata Dal (S). A party functionary indicated that Mr. Siddaramaiah would not contest elections from Badami next year. He would contest from either Varuna, presently represented by his son Yathindra, or Chamarajpet in Bengaluru, currently represented by B.Z. Zameer Ahmed Khan, he said.

High Court directive to 18 digital media platforms

'Temporarily block news articles on a couple acquitted from alleged offences'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has directed 18 digital media platforms to temporarily block the news articles, videos, and comments retained in the websites even after the acquittal of a couple in a criminal case four years ago.

Justice Krishna S. Dixit passed the interim order on Wednesday on the petition filed by a city-based couple Neekunj Todi and Nafisa Usmani. The petitioner-couple had questioned the non-removal of such contents published since 2014 when the criminal case of alleged-

ly abusing a 13-year-old domestic help was registered against them. The couple was acquitted of the charges in 2018.

"This interim protection has been granted in the light of observations of the apex court in the judgment of K.S. Puttaswamy Vs. Union of India," the court said in the order. The court also ordered issue of notice to the Union government.

"Continued display of the news articles, videos, and comments on the websites, despite the order of acquittal from the trial court has adversely affected the petitioners' privacy, and employment opportunities, and has caused immense mental trauma. It has made it difficult for them to lead a normal life despite being found innocent of the offences they were charged with," it has been contended in the petition.

It has also been contended in the petition, filed through advocate A.N. Gangadharaiah, that continuation of the publications against petitioners infringes their right to privacy as the news articles and videos against them can be accessed by the users of internet by merely entering the names of the petitioners in the search engines.

Continued publication of articles against them even after their acquittal has affected their right to be forgotten and to be left alone, the petitioners have contended seeking a direction to the digital media platforms to permanently delete the articles, videos and comments.

Chinchansur elected unopposed to Council

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The former Minister Baburao Chinchansur of the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) was on Thursday declared elected unopposed to the Legislative Council.

Returning Officer and Legislative Assembly Secretary M.K. Vishalakshi in a notification said Mr. Chinchansur was elected to the Council unopposed.

He fills the seat vacated by C.M. Ibrahim. Mr. Ibrahim resigned from the Congress and quit the Council on March 31, 2022. Mr. Chinchansur was the only candidate to file the nomination papers.

State second in GST collection in July

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Karnataka ranked second in the Goods and Service Tax collection in the month of July 2022. The State contributed ₹9,795 crore, a growth of 45% from the previous month.

The State's GST collection in June 2022 stood at ₹6,737.

The GST collections in July, recorded at ₹ 1,48,995 crore, are the second-highest mop-up ever. The states that have contributed the most are Maharashtra, Karnataka, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh.

The top five states in absolute terms are Maharashtra, followed by Karnataka, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh, according to the latest official data.

Government of Karnataka
ZILLA PANCHAYYAT, BIDAR.
DEPUTY DIRECOTER, SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, BIDAR.
PHONE NO: 08482-233147 Fax No.: 08482-232479 , E-Mail ID: bdr_dswo@yahoo.com

NO:DD/SWDB/ KKRDB/MDRS/CR-/2022-23 DATE: 04-08-2022

-:: Tender Notification::-

Karnataka Residentail Educational Institutions Society Banglore under Department of Social Welfare, for the year 2019-20, Tender have been called for Humnabad Taluka Residential Schools e-tender for Supplying Installing And Performance Of Stainless Steel Dining Table With Attached Foldable Bench And Stainless Steel Metal Plates With A Flat Folded Edge, Stainless Steel Water Glass, Stainless Steel Bowls And Ss Plate Stand For Mdrs Hallkhed (K), Krc Ghat Boral, Tallmadge, Smt. Indira Gandhi Residential School Bemalkheda And Dr. B.R.Ambedkar Residential School Nirna. Application for Technical Documents, Application Form shall be attached to Tender in E-Procurement as mentioned in technical bid form.

Details of addendum tender published in the website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. 1) E-Procurement website address for downloading E-Tender forms is www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. 2) Date of commencement for uploading tender From is 04-08-2022. 3) Last date for applying tender through online is 24-08-2022, 5.30 PM. 4) Opening of technical bid is on 25-08-2022, 4.00 PM. 5) Opening of Financial bid is on 30-08-2022 4.00 PM. 6) Place of Opening tender is at Deputy Director Social Welfare Department Bidar. 7) Contact Address: Deputy Director Social Welfare Department, Naubad, Bidar telephone: 08482-233147.

Sd/- Deputy Director,
Social Welfare Department, Bidar.

DIPR/Bidar/178/MC&A/2022-23

THE MYSORE SUGAR COMPANY LIMITED
(A Govt.of Karnataka Undertaking)
Sugar Town, Mandya-571 402.

GM/MSCO/ADV/40/2022-23 **DATE:04-08-2022**

SHORT TERM e-TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Mysore Sugar Company Ltd., Mandya, is invited Tenders, through e-procurement portal from the interested manufacturers/dealers/suppliers/agency for supply/Purchaser of the following products:

Sl.No	Description of Material	Quantity	EMD of Rs.
1.	Nylon (PP) wire rope slings Size : 28mm Dia x 22 feet with both the end mechanically thimble (5-6 MT each rope capacity)	1500 Nos	Rs.50,000-00
	Nylon (PP) wire rope slings Size : 36 Dia mm x 30 feet with both the end mechanically thimble (8-10 MT each rope capacity)	1100 Nos	
2.	Sale of wet press mud from generation point as & where is condition		Rs.1,00,000-00

Tenders can be downloading and submitting from **04.08.2022 to 12.08.2022 @4.00 PM.** The date of opening of technical tender on 1**3.08.2022** and commercial tender opening on 16.08.2022 @4.00 PM at General Manager/Managing Director office at Mandya. For further details contact e-procurement web site **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** No.080-25501216/25501227. For more details contact 9900559353. Managing Director reserves the right to accept or reject the tender without assigning any reason. Managing Director decision in this regard final and binding.

DIPR/AD-MDY/MC&A/258/2022-23 **Sd/-GENERAL MANAGER**

KARNATAKA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
49, Parisara Bhavana, Church Street, Bengaluru- 560 001
Ph : 080-2558 6520 / 2558 9112 Fax : 080-2558 6321
Email :hc@kspcb.gov.in Website:www.kspcb.karnataka.gov.in

NO.PCB/WMC/309/TMC(2016)/2022-23/3098 Dated: 03.08.2022

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTIFICATION

The Town Municipal Council, Gundlupete have proposed an Integrated Municipal Solid Waste Management Processing and Disposal Facility of capacity 45 TPD (MSWMPDF) at Sy. No. 75, 77/1, 77/2 of Kutanooru Village, Gundlupete Taluk, Chamarajanagara District, Karnataka.

As Per Environment Impact Assessment Notification dated: 14.09.2006 and Amendment dated: 01.12.2009, the project Proponent has to obtain prior Environmental Clearance from the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SLEIAA), Karnataka and is required to go through Environmental Public Hearing (EPH) process. As per the Terms of Reference letter No. SEIAA 41 IND 2021, dated: 15.11.2021 of State Level Environmental Impact Assessment Authority - Karnataka and request letter of the project proponent dated: 12.05.2022, the EPH is scheduled on **06.09.2022.**

The details of the project are as follows:

1.	**Name of the Company & Corporate Address: The Chief Officer, Town Municipal Council, Gundlupete, Chamarajanagara District.**
2.	**Proposed location of the project:** Sy. No. 75, 77/1, 77/2 of Kutanooru Village, Gundlupete Taluk, Chamarajanagara District, Karnataka.
3.	**Detail of Project Proposed:** Proposed an Integrated Municipal Solid Waste Management Facility of capacity 45 TPD (MSWMF) at Sy. No. 75, 77/1, 77/2 of Kutanooru Village, Gundlupete Taluk, Chamarajanagara District, Karnataka.
4.	**Date, time and venue of Environmental Public Hearing: 06.09.2022 (Tuesday) at 11.00 A.M at Sy. No. 75, 77/1, 77/2 of Kutanooru Village, Gundlupete Taluk, Chamarajanagara District, Karnataka.**
5.	**Places of availability of project documents as per EIA Notification, which is kept open to public are:** (a) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Chamarajanagara District, Chamarajanagara. (b) Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Chamarajanagara District, Chamarajanagara. (c) District Industries Centre, Chamarajanagara District, Chamarajanagara. (d) Office of the Regional Officer, Regional Office- Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, No. 9/133, 2nd Floor, S.P.S. Complex, Vaniyar Road, Chamarajanagara - 571313. (e) Kutanooru Gram Panchayath Office, Kutanooru Village, Gundlupete Taluk. (f) Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change, South Zone Office, E-3/240, Kendriya Sadan, 4th Floor, E&F Wings, 17th Main Road, 2nd Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru – 560 034. (g) **HELP DESK**, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Ground Floor, No.49, Parisara Bhavan, Church Street, Bengaluru – 560 001.

NOTE: Suggestions, views, comments and objections of interested bonafide residents, environmental groups and others located at project site and likely to be affected by the proposed project are invited within 30 days from the date of publication of this Notification. They can also make oral/written /E-Mail suggestions to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board/Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee (Deputy Commissioner, Chamarajanagara District, Chamarajanagara). Interested public can participate in the Public Hearing at the above place. For details please visit our Website: **http://kspcb.gov.in.**

Sd/-
Member Secretary

NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE III ADDL SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE AT TUMAKURU
P&SC No.: 4/2022

PETITIONER : Lakshmi Prabhu and others
V/s
RESPONDENTS: The Managing Director M/s Asian Paints and others

DRAFT PAPER PUBLICATION
Notice to Respondents no. 2, 4, and 6 to 9 in the above case:

RESPONDENTS :

2. The Managing Director, M/s H.D.F.C. Bank House,Senapati, Bapat Marg, Lower Parel,MUMBAI - 400013. Maharastra State

4.The Managing Director, M/s Dr. Reddy,8-2-337, Road No.3, Banjara Hills, HYDERABAD, Telangana-500034.

6.The Managing Director, M/s HINDUSTAN UNI LEVER B.D.Sawant Marg, CHAKALA MUMBAI- 400099. Maharastra State.

7.KFin Technologies Private Limited UNIT: UTI MUTUAL FUND Selenium Tower B Plot No. 31 & 32 Gachibowli, Financial District, Nanakramguda, Serilingampally, Hyderabad-500 032 P.H. 040-67162222 EXT 186918611841

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WHEREAS, the above petitioners have filed this petition against the respondents seeking issue secession certificate pertains to schedule properties.
Take notice that you have been made as respondents No. 2,4 and 6 to 9 in the above petition and the same is posted for your appearance on 12-09-2022 at 11.00 a.m. before the Hon'ble III Addl Senior Civil Judge at Tumakuru, therefore, you are hereby informed to appear on the said date either in person or through an advocate duly instructed before this Hon'ble court, failing which the case shall be heard and determined in your absence.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

1.Asian Paints : Folio No. ANP0076700, No. of shares -90 Units, Value of one share Rs.3,122/- Total value Rs.2,80,980/-

2.H.D.F.C. Bank Ltd., Folio No. HB0237934, No. of shares 4000 Shares Value of one share Rs1456/- Total value Rs.58,24,000/-

3.H.D.F.C. Bank Ltd., Folio No. 0275540, No. of shares - 1000 shares, Value of one share Rs. 1456/- Total value Rs.14,56,000/-

4.Dr. Reddy Lab Folio No. C00127 No. of shares - 400 shares,Value of one share Rs.4,180/- Total value Rs.16,72,000/-

5.Franklin India Equity Fund, Folio No. 13935518, No. of shares 81129.71 Units, Value of one share Rs.37.90 Ps. Total value Rs.30,74,819/-

6.Hindustan Uni Liver Folio No. HLL0375208, No. of shares - 1000 shares, Value of one share Rs.2,171/- Total value Rs.21,71,000/-

7.UTI Core Equity Fund-Regular Plan, Folio No. 50333893924 No of Units 12000 units, Value of one unit is Rs. 98.76/- Ps Total value Rs.11,85,120/-

8.UTI Core Equity Fund Regular Plan, Folio No. 50333893935 No of Units 8,000/- units, Value of one unit is Rs. 98.76/- Ps Total value Rs.7,90,080/-

9.UTI Flexi Cap Fund Folio No. 50244295686 No of Units 3,282.37 Units, Value of one unit is Rs. 244.13/- Ps Total value Rs. 8,01,325/-

10. Canara Bank account, Tumkur Main branch A/c No. 0522101049585, IFSC No. CNRB000522 Amount of Rs. 12,45,760/-.

Given under my hand and seal of this Court, this the 26th day of July -2022.

By order this court, **Sd/-**
Sheristedar - Prl.Sr.Civil Judge (SD)&C.J.M TUMKUR.

Advocate for appellants
Sri. M.S. SRIDHARA MURTHY
Sri. SHADAKSHARAIAH
Sri. M.S. THARUN KUMAR
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OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Mr.K.M.Chandrasekhara Panicker
Sr.Asst.Secretary(Rtd.) TN Govt.
-----(15th ANNIVERSARY)-----
&
Mrs.Kalyanikutty Amma
-----(34th ANNIVERSARY)-----
Obeisance to our beloved parents
Dr. Sowmini Balakrishnan & Family
Phone: 09840427807

DEATH

A.J. Gurushankar
IRSEE, Retd. SDGM, SC Rly.
May 20, 1931 - August 4, 2022
We will miss you.
Wife
Children, Grandchildren
and Great-granddaughter

IN BRIEF

Thomas Isaac to legally challenge ED notice

KOCHI

Former Finance Minister of Kerala T.M. Thomas Isaac has said he will legally challenge the notice of the ED slapped on him. The investigation agency had asked Dr. Isaac on Wednesday to be present at its Kochi office on August 11.

Two die of asphyxiation at maize plant

STAFF REPORTER
RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM

Two workers, including a superviser, died allegedly due to asphyxiation while cleaning a tank in Paramesu Biotech Private Limited,in East Godavari district, on Thursday. Another worker who was hospitalised is now out of danger.

Kovvuru DSP B. Srinath said B. Duma, a worker, and Gajula Srinu, a superviser, both from Odisha, were declared brought dead by doctors at the Kovvuru Government Hospital. The incident occurred when three persons fell unconscious after they entered the boiler to clean it by using a ladder in the maize processing factory at around 3.45 a.m. on Thursday. Asphyxiation is suspected to be the reason for the death, Mr. Srinath said.

Minimum wages: Trade unions vent ire

They have announced a legal recourse against Karnataka govt.'s decision

SHARATH S. SRIVATSA
BENGALURU

The increase in minimum wages varies from as low as 1.66% for unskilled workers in the fisheries sector to a high of 26.5% for those in pottery, ceramics, stoneware, and other allied products. • FILE PHOTO

Amid a demand to determine minimum wages of the workers that would be commensurate with the present-day prices, the State government on Thursday increased minimum wages in eight scheduled employment by an average of 10%, disappointing the trade unions.

Despite opposition to the proposal for revision made in the draft notification at the meetings of the Minimum Wages Advisory Board, the final notification has gone ahead with the provisions contained in the draft notification.

The revision that is coming after four years, as the government has acknowledged, was done without a field-level survey to determine the present-day prices, and trade unions have announced a legal recourse against the government's decision. The increase in minimum wages varies from as low as 1.66% for unskilled workers in the fisheries sector to a high of 26.5% for those in pottery, ceramics, stoneware, and other allied products. On the other hand, the joint trade unions demanded the minimum wages based on existing scientific and legal norms demanded ₹31,556 for an unskilled worker in Zone 1. The AICCTU, HMS, AIUTUC, INTUC, HMKP, and AITUC have jointly submitted a petition to the board seeking the revision based on their calculation. The proposal by the unions had been opposed by the employers, citing it to be too high and came around the time when the Labour Codes were being implemented. They had also pointed out at the hardship faced during and post COVID-19 pandemic.

Implementation of revised pay

Also, in a departure from an earlier government's commitment to implement the revised pay from retrospective effect, the final notification makes the revision operational from July 28.

"The revision is illegal and arbitrary since present-day prices of food, clothing, and shelter have not been collected as the government felt it was cumbersome to collect data from across the State. How can the government arbitrarily decide on 10% when inflation has made every product expensive," asked M. Satyananad, a member of the advisory board.

The revised minimum wages at an average of 10% are calculated based on the previous minimum wages fixed in addition to ₹1,437 variable dearness allowance that the workers receive. The government did not conduct field-level surveys to collect present-day prices citing the lack of manpower too. In 2016, the government conducted surveys to collect the present-day data on food, clothing, and shelter at 16 locations across the State, though unions allege that government followed a flawed procedure.

He said that while they were disappointed with the government, the unions would also approach the court for relief. "The government has a big responsibility in determining minimum wages as an estimated 1.8 crore people are the beneficiaries. However, it was done in such callous manner and we will question legality of the notifications."

HC judge criticises OPS for his plea to transfer case

'It amounts to scandalising the judiciary'

MOHAMED IMRANULLAH S.
CHENNAI

Justice Krishnan Ramasamy of the Madras High Court on Thursday came down heavily on deposed AIADMK leader O. Panneerselvam for having given a representation to the Chief Justice with a plea to transfer his civil suit against AIADMK's July 11 general council meet to some other judge.

The judge said it was a "cheap" practice, which amounts to scandalising the judiciary.

Any grievance against the orders passed by him, permitting the general council meet, ought to have been tackled by taking it on appeal before the appropriate forum, he added.

"You have a statutory appeal remedy. You can go on appeal, attack my judgment legally. But this is not the way to deal with the issue. If this kind of practice is allowed, then every one will start to follow it and give representations to change the judge," he said.

When advocate P. Rajalakshmi, representing Mr. Panneerselvam, said that her client was aggrieved against certain observations made against him, Justice Ramasamy said: "Your client has proven those observations to be true by his present conduct."

He pointed out that even if the litigant was aggrieved against the observations, there was a legal remedy of dealing with them and, therefore, he should have resorted to those methods than insisting on change of judge. "This is a very cheap practice that scandalises the judiciary, undermines its authority and brings disrepute," he added.

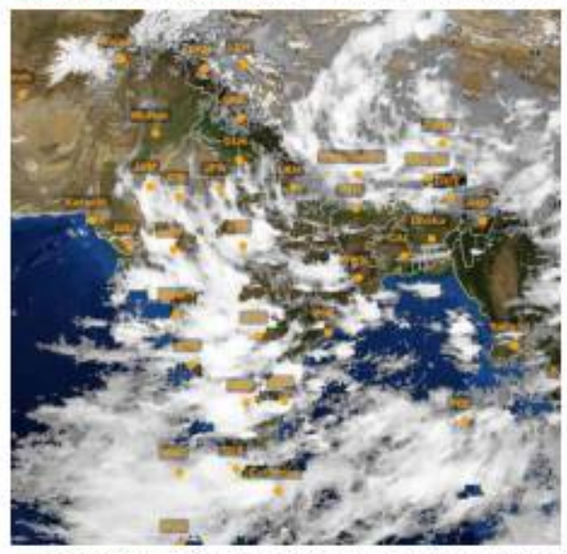
Now that the Supreme Court had remanded the matter to the High Court for fresh consideration, the judge decided to hear the case afresh from Friday. He said, it was for the Chief Justice to take a call on the representation on the administrative side and asked the counsel to place that representation before him too on Friday.

Later in the day, advocate N.G.R. Prasad made a mention before Chief Justice Munishwar Nath Bhandari on behalf of Mr. Panneerselvam regarding the remarks made by Justice Ramasamy and insisted upon considering his representation to shift the case to some other judge. The Chief Justice said: "We'll see."

Mr. Prasad had made a similar mention on Wednesday when the Chief Justice replied that he would take a call on the issue on the administrative side after having a word with Justice Ramasamy.

WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 16.00 HRS)

Forecast for Friday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Assam, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Sikkim, Odisha, Telangana, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, central Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala, Mahe and Andaman & Nicobar Islands

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	62	33.3	25.4	Kozhikode	2	25.0	22.8
Ahmedabad	47	31.8	25.7	Kurnool	1	32.4	25.0
Aizawl	77	27.7	22.0	Lucknow	22.8	33.4	25.4
Allahabad	–	34.2	27.6	Madurai	1	31.1	24.6
Bengaluru	1.9	23.9	21.2	Mangaluru	6.2	26.2	22.9
Bhopal	5	34.0	24.9	Mumbai	20	30.3	25.6
Bhubaneswar	–	33.2	26.0	Mysuru	22	26.5	20.0
Chandigarh	–	34.0	26.7	New Delhi	7	35.0	26.8
Chennai	–	30.7	26.7	Patna	0.5	32.8	26.5
Coimbatore	–	26.1	23.0	Port Blair	11	29.1	24.6
Dehradun	3	28.6	23.8	Puducherry	–	30.5	25.2
Gangtok	0.4	22.6	18.0	Pune	6.4	32.1	22.7
Goa	8	29.6	23.9	Raipur	5	34.0	25.0
Guwahati	3	34.8	26.6	Ranchi	6	31.6	22.5
Hubballi	–	28.0	22.0	Shillong	3	24.8	17.9
Hyderabad	0.2	31.6	23.6	Shimla	61	21.0	17.0
Imphal	12	31.1	20.2	Srinagar	–	30.3	17.8
Jaipur	0.4	29.8	26.4	Thiruvananthapuram	11	27.0	23.1
Kochi	32	24.8	23.2	Tiruchi	0.6	29.7	25.0
Kohima	3	25.2	16.2	Vijayawada	–	33.2	27.0
Kolkata	7	33.9	26.5	Visakhapatnam	–	33.2	28.2

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing — **Yesterday**

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	56	16	.55	51	95	
Bengaluru	22	33	126	–	41	
Chennai	16	13	.40	169	135	
Delhi	11	60	.44	162	136	
Hyderabad	21	38	.70	49	57	
Kolkata	7	38	.7	33	35	
Lucknow	8	82	.70	53	63	
Mumbai	9	–	.56	159	121	
Pune	–	41	102	–	–	
Visakhapatnam	17	26	.8	28	66	

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Buxar, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 171 indicating a moderate level of pollution. In contrast, Madikeri, Karnataka recorded a healthy AQI score of 16

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Karnataka Public works Department.
Tumkur Division, Karnataka Telephone: 0816-2272479,
No;EE/KPWD/Tmk/AE.1/T.No.17/2022-23 Dt: 01.08.2022
Invitation For Tender (IFT) KW.4
e-TENDER NOTIFICATION

On behalf of Government of Karnataka tenders are invited in Two cover system for Class-1 & above Contractors registered in PWD for 02 work under 8443: Deposit Contribution Head of account in the jurisidiction of Tumkur Division through e-procurement. The dates are published as below. (Max Amount Put to Tender Rs.783.55 Lakhs, Min Amount Put to Tender Rs.712.89 Lakhs, Max EMD Amt Rs.11,75,400/-, Min EMD Amt Rs.10,69,400/-)

1. Last date for tender information enqueries : **18.08.2022** : 16.00. **2.** Last date for submission of tender.: **20.08.2022** : 16.00. **3.** Date of opening the Technical bid: **22.08.2022** : **11.00 4.** Date of opening the Financial bid: **24.08.2022** : **16.30.**

Note: Turnover Certificate without UDI Number will not be considered.

Sd/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
PWD DIVISION, TUMKUR.
DIPR/TUM/390/MCA/2022-23

SCHEDULED TRIBES WELFARE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
No. 34, 1st Floor, Lotus Towers, Race Course Road, Bengaluru-560 001.
ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ/ಟೆಂಡರ್/ಆಪ್ರ-16/2019-20 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 04.08.2022
TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement portal only)

The Director, Scheduled Tribes Welafre Department invites tender through e-procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** for providing 10 No's of mobile health units services for Scheduled Tribe people in 4 districts of Kalyana Karnataka as details.

Tender Details: Regarding providing 10 No's of mobile health units services for Scheduled Tribe people in 4 districts of Kalyana Karnataka. Tender Starting Date: **04.08.2022**. Last date for submission of tender: **03.10.2022**. Approx. tender amount: **Rs. 3,78,00,000/-. Special Note:** More details can be had from the Office of the Directorate of Welfare of Scheduled Tribes during office hours. Contac No.: 080-22261787.

DIPR/CP/JA/1674/2022-23 **Sd/- Director**

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SMART CITY THIRUVANANTHAPURAM LIMITED
(A SPV for the implementation of Smart City Mission in Thiruvananthapuram)
APPLICATIONS INVITED
Applications are invited from qualified candidates for appointment to the following posts in
Smart City Thiruvananthapuram Limited.

○ General Manager (Operations)	- 01 No.
○ IT Expert	- 01 No.
○ Law Officer	- 01 No.
○ Assistant Manager (Urban Planning)	- 01 No.
○ Quality Engineer	- 01 No.
○ Clerk	- 02 Nos.

For more details regarding guidelines & submission of online application, visit **www.smartcitytvm.in**
Printout or hard copy of the applications will not be accepted.
Last date for submitting applications - **16/08/2022**
(Sd/-) **Chief Executive Officer**

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(RAICHUR THERMAL POWER STATION)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919
No. EEP\A1\A2/393 Dated: 27.07.2022
ABSTRACT BID NOTIFICATION (Through e-Procurement Portal only)

E-tenders are published in GoK e-portal **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** under "GOODS" category on **18.07.2022, 19.07.2022, 20.07.2022, 25.07.2022 & 26.07.2022** as per RTPS requirements. **Tender No. BRIEF DETAILS OF GOODS: Procurement of: 1) RTPS/MRP22/G/21-22/3887/CALL-3** Brass rod & bush. **EMD: Rs. 24,810/-. 2) RTPS/MRP21/G/21-22/3897/CALL-3** Copper, MS & SS sheets. **EMD: Rs. 8,810/-. 3) RTPS/MRP57/G/21-22/4157/CALL-2** Temperature switches, Transmitter etc. **EMD: Rs. 16,540/-. 4) RTPS/MRP57/G/21-22/4192/CALL-2** DP switches, pressure switches. **EMD: Rs. 38,350/-. 5) RTPS/MRP57/G/21-22/4180/CALL-2** Pressure gauges Vaccum gauges. **EMD: Rs. 40,440/-. 6) RTPS/MRP57/G/21-22/4190/CALL-3** Flow transmitter, magnetic switch & flow switch. **EMD: Rs. 3,570/-. 7) RTPS/MRP57/G/21-22/4155/CALL-3** Plug, Sleeve, Reducers, Adopters, Fittings, etc.. **EMD: Rs. 18,530/-. 8) RTPS/MRP29/G/21-22/3927/CALL-2** Tap sleeve, Drill chuck, Drilling machine etc. **EMD: Rs. 3,000/-. 9) RTPS/MRP52/G/21-22/1420/CALL-4** Different switches in coal handling unit of RTPS. **EMD: Rs. 11,500/-. 10) RTPS/MRP64/G/21-22/2388/CALL-5** Spares for AC plant & ventilation system. **EMD: Rs. 7,500/-. 11) KPCL/ET/ARC/2022-23/FASTENERS/CALL-3** ARC Fasteners for the period of One year. **EMD: Rs. 2,30,000/-. 12) RTPS/MRP81/G/21-22/1609/CALL-3** Railway track materials such as beaters, rail cutting M/C, etc. **EMD: Rs. 4,195/-. 13) RTPS/MRP40/G/21-22/3934/CALL-3** Insulated mat. **EMD: Rs. 4,250/-. 14) RTPS/MRP54/G/21-22/4043/CALL-3** Spares of CEP/BFP Suction Strainer. **EMD: Rs. 5,310/-. 15) RTPS/MRP54/G/21-22/4041/CALL-4** Spares for Solenoid Control Valves of EMS 4. **EMD: Rs. 5,880/-.** Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders: For Sl. No. 1 to 4 & 7: **06.08.2022, 17.30 Hrs.** For Sl. No. 5 & 6: **08.08.2022, 17.30 Hrs.** For Sl. No. 8, 9, 10 & 11: **08.08.2022, 16.00 Hrs.** For Sl. No. 12 to 14: **16.08.2022, 16.00 Hrs.** For Sl. No. 15: **12.08.2022, 16.00 Hrs.** All relevant details of the bids are available in the above mentioned e-portal. Further details can be had from the **Executive Engineer (Purchase)**, RTPS, KPCL, Shaktinagar-584 170, Dist. Raichur. Mobile: 94495 96527. E-mail: eeprtps@gmail.com

Karnataka State
Office of the Executive Engineer,
PWDept. Shimoga Division, Shimoga
No.EE/PWD/Smg/JE-2/IFT-20/2022-23 Dtd:03-08-2022
Tender Notification

Tender invited thro' E-Procurement (http://eproc. karnataka.gov.in) for the below Indents by PWD Class-3 & above Contractors. For needful information please contact Office P. No. 08182-274942 and Helpdesk Ph Nos. 080-25501216/ 080-25501227)

H/A: 3054-03-337-0-05-200 SH Maintenance
1. Sagara Tq 1 Work (I.No.155123)
H/A: 5054-03-337-0-17-154 SH Improvements
2. Sagara Tq 1 Work (I.No.154142)

Tender documents down loading & submission dates : Dtd:03-08-2022 to 17-08-2022 Period for completion of works Sl No:1 work 6 Months, Sl No:2 work 7 Months (Including Monsoon)

Sd/ - EE, PW Dept Division, Shimoga
DIPR/smg/no.20/08/22-23/705

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No: SEE/Tr(W&M)/MNG/EE(O)/AEE-(E)/F-1204/2022-23/CYS-36 Dt: 04.08.2022
TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-Procurement Portal Only)

KPTCL invites tenders through e-Procurement mode/Office tender from registered KPWD Civil Contractors having EPF and ESI registration and fulfilling the all other requirements as in NIT (of e-procurement), **for the execution of 24 Nos. of repair works (within Dakshina kannada-Udupi district jurisdiction). Work indent No:** 9025 to 9046, 9071 (All are Second call) and 8574 (Fourth call). Out of which Work indent No:9028, 9029 (Reserved for ST contractors) and Work indent No.9036, 9040, 9043 and 9044 (Reserved for SC contractors). Interested tenderers directly can access the tendering website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** hyperlink "e-procurement" from 08.08.2022/ onwards for detailed NIT and to participate in the Tenders through e-procurement. Further details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Superntending Engineer (Ele).,
Tr. (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Maroli, Kulshekara, Mangaluru-575005. Ph: 0824-2211342

KARNATAKA HOUSING BOARD
3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru-560009
Short Term Tender Notification (Through E-Procurement portal)

Karnataka Housing Board invites tenders from the eligible contractors who are empanelled & also willing to empanel in Karnataka Housing Board through e-Procurement for below mentioned work.

Last date for submission of bid: 18.08.2022 up to 4.00 PM

Sl.No.	Name of work
1	Annual layout maintenance of block- 2, 3, 6, 7, 8 & 9 in Suryanagar Phase-III, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru. **Work Indent No:** KHB/2022-23/OW/Work_Indent 1012 & IFT No. 110/2022-23, Date: 01.08.2022. **Amount put to tender:** Rs.2,05,21,815/-.

For further information, contact below mentioned office address: **Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, 3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru, Phone No. 080-22273511 / 080-22100077, website : https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer
Karnataka Housing Board, Bengaluru
DIPR/CP/1638/AKAR/22-23

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Department of Urban Development (BBMP-2)
Vikasa Soudha, Bengaluru
No.: UDD 102 BBS 2022(e), Bengaluru, dated: 03.08.2022
NOTIFICATION

Government vide Notification No.: UDD 66 BBS 2022, dated 14.07.2022, in exercise of the powers conferred under section 7 of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Act, 2020, published the delimitation of 243 Wards coming under the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike.

As per the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court vide its order dated: 28.07.2022 in SLP(C) No: 15181-183/2020, and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 8(3) of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Act, 2020, and the guidelines issued vide G.O.No: UDD 102 BBS 2022 (Part-1) dated: 30.07.2022 and on the basis of the 2011 Census, the ward-wise reservation for 243 wards of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike is hereby notified and published for information of the general public.

The complete Notification can be viewed on **https://erajyapatra.karnataka.gov.in**

The persons who are aggrieved by the aforesaid Ward-wise reservation may submit their objections with reasons in writing, addressed to the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Urban Development Department, Room No: 436, 4th Floor, Vikasa Soudha, Bengaluru-560001, within 7 (seven) days during office hours from the date of publication of this notification in the Karnataka State Extraordinary Gazette. The objections received after the prescribed time will not be considered.

Sd/- Under Secretary to the Government
Dept. of Urban Development (BBMP-2)
DIPR/DD-C.P/1675/MCA/2022-23

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer,
KNNL, Shiggaon Lift Irrigation Division, K.C.D. Circle , Behind Ganapati Temple, Dasanakoppa Main Road, Dharwad-580 001.
E-mail id: eesliddwd@gmail.com Ph: 0836-2461218
No. KNNL/SLID/DWD/PBI/4701-Roads/Tender/2022-23/567 Dtd: 02-08-2022
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (3RD CALL)
(THROUGH "e-Procurement" ONLY)

On behalf of the Managing Director, KNNL, Bengaluru, Percentage tenders are invited in Two cover system from eligible tenderers by the undersigned, for the work of **"Improvements to Road from Tadas to Bellagatti Road and Drain in Shiggaon taluk of Haveri District"** (Tender amount **Rs. 53.07 Lakhs**) under head of A/c 4701- M & MI through e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka. The blank tender documents can be obtained through website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from **06.08.2022 at 10.30 a.m.** onwards and the completed e-tendering documents can be submitted up to **18.08.2022 at 4.00 p.m.** The financial bids will be opened on **19.08.2022 at 4.30 p.m.**

Any Addendum/Corrigendum shall be published in the e-Procurement portal only. The undersigned reserves the right to postpone, accept, reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

(S.K. KULKARNI)
Executive Engineer,
KNNL, SLI DIVISION, DHARWAD.
KNNL/SLID/DWD/PBI/426/2022-23

Government of Karnataka
Public Works Department, Udupi Division, Udupi. (PIU)
Website : https://www.kpwd.gov.in Email:eepwdudp02@gmail.com
No EE/PWD/UDN/NIT/17/2022-23/AE-2 Dated:01.08.2022
Short Term Tender Notice

The Tender for the following works are invited through e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka (Viz.www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in) Last date for Submission of tender in E-procurement: **18.08.2022**
Eligible Tenderer: CLASS –II and above K-PWD

Sl. No.	Name of work	Amount put to tender (in Rs)	EMD (in Rs)
1	Improvement to selected reaches of Malpe - Vadabhandeshwara Temple Balarama circle to Kola ward Shivapanvhakshari Bhajana Mandira road, Malpe to Thottam - Hoode road , NH - 169A Indrali to Railway station road and Kadiyali Mahisha Mardhini Temple Rathabeedi Road, Udupi Taluk, Udupi District. **(154095)**	Rs. 3,88,56,808.00	Rs. 5,82,900.00
2	Improvement and Widening of Brahmavara - Jannadi road from Km. 2.60 to Km. 5.00 in Brahmavara Taluk. (Working Ch. 3.30 to 4.86) **(153772)**	Rs. 2,60,51,344.00	Rs. 3,90,800.00
3	Improvement to road Brahmagiri Nayarkere to Kinnimulky Gopura in road and Improvement and Construction of concrete drain at NH - 66 Balaipady to Vegas layout road, Udupi Taluk, Udupi District. **(154092)**	Rs. 3,36,83,330.00	Rs. 5,05,300.00

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Public Works Dept, Udupi Division, Udupi
DIPR/UDU/MCA/2892/22-23 dt. 04.08.22

MANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka undertaking)
Corporate Office, "MESCOM BHAVANA", Bejai, Mangaluru - 575 004
Ph: 0824-2885795 CIN: U40109 KA 2002 SGC 030425
No: MESCOM/SEE(P)/EE(W)/AEE(W)/2022-23/353 Date: 01-08-2022
TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-Procurement Portal Only)

MESCOM invites tenders for the following works pertaining to Puttur O&M Division on Total turnkey Basis to be executed vide respective Bid Enquiry numbers;

Sl. No	Name of the work	Bid Enquiry No.
1	Re-conductoring of old deteriorated Weasel / Squirrel conductor by Rabbit conductor of LT circuits of various capacities of transformers in Subramanya Sub-Division	MESCOM/2022-23/EL/WORK_INDENT1816
2	Re-conductoring of old deteriorated Weasel / Squirrel conductor by Rabbit conductor of LT circuits of various capacities of transformers in Bilinele Section	MESCOM/2022-23/EL/WORK_INDENT1815

The interested eligible bidders may log on to **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **05.08.2022**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele.) (Proc.), Corporate Office
For Power Related Complaints & Assistance Call Toll Free Number 1912

Sop or welfare debate

Steps to limit freebies or to discourage populism should come through Parliament

A general concern over 'freebies' pushing the economy to ruin or unviable pre-election promises adversely affecting informed decision-making by voters seems reasonable. However, few will disagree that what constitutes 'freebies' and what are legitimate welfare measures to protect the vulnerable sections are essentially political questions for which a court of law may have no answer. In this backdrop, the Supreme Court's decision to form a body of stakeholders to examine the issue raises the question whether the legislature can be bypassed on such a far-reaching exercise. The Chief Justice of India, N.V. Ramana, heading a Bench hearing a petition filed in public interest against the distribution or promise of 'freebies' ahead of elections, has made it clear that the Court is not going to issue guidelines, but only ensure that suggestions are taken from stakeholders such as the NITI Aayog, Finance Commission, Law Commission, RBI and political parties. All these institutions, he has said, can submit a report to the Election Commission of India (ECI) and Government. A suggestion that Parliament could discuss this issue was met with scepticism by the Bench, which felt that no party would want a debate on this, as all of them support such sops. The Bench also disfavoured the ECI preparing a 'model manifesto' as it would be an empty formality. The Court's concern over populist measures seems to resonate with the Government too, as the Solicitor-General submitted that these distorted the voter's informed decision-making; and that unregulated populism may lead to an economic disaster.

The Supreme Court, in *S. Subramaniam Balaji vs Government of Tamil Nadu* (2013) addressed these questions and took the position that these concerned law and policy. Further, it upheld the distribution of television sets or consumer goods on the ground that schemes targeted at women, farmers and the poorer sections were in furtherance of Directive Principles; and as long as public funds were spent based on appropriations cleared by the legislature, they could neither be declared illegal, nor the promise of such items be termed a 'corrupt practice'. It had, however, directed the ECI to frame guidelines to regulate the content of manifestos. The ECI subsequently included in its Model Code of Conduct a stipulation that parties should avoid promises "that vitiate the purity of the election process or exert undue influence on the voters". It added that only promises which were possible to be fulfilled should be made and that manifestos should contain the rationale for a promised welfare measure and indicate the means of funding it. Any further step, such as distinguishing welfare measures from populist sops and pre-election inducements, or adding to the obligations of fiscal responsibility and fiscal prudence ought to come from the legislature. That politicians invariably back 'freebies' should be no reason to bypass Parliament.

Dialling right

Government should ensure that exchequer and the public benefit from spectrum sale

India's latest auction of telecommunications spectrum, including of bands ideally suited for offering fifth generation (5G) technology services, drew bids exceeding a record ₹1.5 lakh crore in a clear sign that the industry is on the path to recovery. As expected, Reliance Jio emerged as the top bidder, cornering 48% of the airwaves that were acquired by offering more than ₹88,000 crore in total. Bharti Airtel bid just under half that amount for 39% of the spectrum sold, while the most debt-laden Vodafone Idea came in a distant third by committing close to ₹19,000 crore for about 12% spectrum. And in an interesting development that will need close watching, the deep-pocketed, and aggressively expanding Adani Group made its first foray into the telecom space by successfully bidding for a very small but targeted quantum of spectrum – ostensibly for captive use – in the highly sought after 26 GHz band that is considered ideal for 5G services. While the Government has netted just over a third of the ₹4.3 lakh crore reserve price it had set for the spectrum on offer, the fact that 71% of the airwaves on the block won bids is testament to the improvement in the industry's health. The Centre's move last year to ease regulatory norms around payment of dues, including a four-year moratorium on outstanding payments and the redefinition of adjusted gross revenues to prospectively exclude non-telecom earnings, allowed service providers a breather and helped them attract investor interest as also spread liabilities over a staggered period.

Separately, industrywide increases in tariffs also helped lift average revenue per user at the telecom service providers, boosting margins. The Government's policy decision to return bank guarantees to telcos must have helped improve their eligibility for debt – crucial for capital expenditure. And with spectrum usage charges also binned, the enhanced flexibility likely allowed enthusiastic participation from all three private players, a far cry from when the very survival of Vodafone Idea was in doubt. However, the auction also offers crucial lessons. The high reserve price likely dampened enthusiasm for certain spectrum bands. While the 3.3 GHz and 26 GHz were snapped up at the reserve price in several service areas, the 600 MHz was left untouched, and 60% of the 700 MHz spectrum remained unsold. The latter is ideal for rural connectivity as well as signal penetration inside buildings in urban areas. If spectrum is seen as a precious national resource, the Government would do well to not let it lie unused and instead price it in an optimal manner so as to ensure that both the exchequer and the public at large, including in remote rural corners, benefit.

Waiting for democracy in Jammu and Kashmir

The long haul back to stabilisation from a dangerous situation needs to begin; the first step is Assembly elections

RADHA KUMAR

It has been three years since then President Ram Nath Kovind issued the fateful orders that read down Article 370 of the Indian constitution, allowing the Narendra Modi administration to divide the State of Jammu and Kashmir and demote its two new units to Union Territory status. These measures, Prime Minister Modi said, would extend the rights and benefits of Indian democracy to the people of the State. The irony of the fact that his administration felt compelled to simultaneously arrest more than 5,000 political leaders, activists and mediapersons in order to achieve this laudable goal appeared to escape him.

Draconian actions

Three years later, the promise of democracy seems as far away as it was on August 5, 2019. Several hundred of those arrested in 2019 are still in jail without trial. Fresh arrests of dissidents and human rights defenders have become routine. The media continues to be muzzled, and the few journalists who brave a silent censorship suffer from the 'vicious circle' of repeated arrests that the Supreme Court of India criticised in the case of Mohammed Zubair. Despite the completion of the delimitation commission's exercise, Legislative Assembly elections have still to be announced. Jammu and Kashmir has been under President's rule and then Lieutenant-Governor's rule for four years now.

The Modi administration's initial rationale for the draconian actions of 2019 was that security would improve and militancy would be eradicated; that the former State would integrate with the Indian economy and its people would prosper; that Kashmiri Pandits who have been internal refugees for over three decades would be able to return; and that a new era of non-dynastic politics would emerge.

How far have any of these stated goals met with success, if at all? The answer is dispiriting. Security has clearly not improved. According to Home Ministry figures, the number of civilians killed between 2019 and 2021 was higher than in Mr. Modi's first term (2014-19) – 87 in two years as against 177 in five years. Civilian fatalities did decline between 2021 and 2022, as did the number of security personnel killed, partly because India and Pakistan agreed to a ceasefire in February 2021. The numbers have, however, begun to rise again, and suggest a worrying pattern of targeting Kashmiri Pandits, elected officials of local government (*panches*) and the Jammu and Kashmir police.

Alienation and insurgency

Military and police experts talk about 'hybrid militants' – and, more recently, 'faceless militants' – which are, in current conditions, meaningless euphemisms for the fact that Valley alienation from the Indian Union is such that public support for insurgency is touching the heights of the 1990s. According to the South Asia Terrorism Portal, 437 Kashmiri youth joined insurgent ranks between 2019 and 2021. While counter-insurgency operations have eliminated the known militant leadership, i.e., those that had been identified by 2016, they have not been able to interdict the small arms that are in circulation or identify those in possession of them. The Union

NISSAR AHMAD

Home Ministry's distrust of local police – while putting them on the front line of conflict – has disabled a key source of intelligence.

Economic decline

Between 2019 and 2021, the former State's economy tanked, first due to a security lockdown and then a year-and-a-half of COVID-19 lockdowns. From being in the top performing States of the Indian Union, according to the NITI Aayog, Jammu and Kashmir was ranked among the bottom last year. A record tourist inflow this year might help some recovery, but has to be set off against losses in the fruit, manufacturing, carpet and handicrafts industries. Local supplier complaints abound: that government agencies commission them on projects but do not pay the agreed amount.

Kashmiri Pandits have once again become targets of militant attack, as they were during the 1990s. Four Kashmiri Pandits were shot in 2021, along with 10 Hindus, including migrant workers, and one this year, allegedly in retaliation for the film Kashmir Files's portrayal of Pandit killings by armed groups during the 1990s insurgency. According to the Kashmiri Pandit Sangharsh Samiti, around 100 Pandit teachers who had returned to the Valley under the 2008 Prime Minister's Reconstruction Plan fled. The rest demanded relocation to safer areas, a demand that the administration refused. According to the soon-to-be released report of the Forum for Human Rights in Jammu and Kashmir (I am a member), they now live in such tight security that they cannot even go out to buy groceries.

Recently-elected *panches* suffer the same fate. With his customary hyperbole, Home Minister Amit Shah claimed that a new political leadership would emerge from panchayat ranks to replace the dynasts of the National Conference and People's Democratic Party. But 12 panches have been shot since 2019, according to the Jammu and Kashmir Panchayat Conference. Most have since been lodged under tight security in Srinagar hotels from where it is difficult for them to attend duties in their constituencies.

There is a chasm

The delimitation commission's report is equally worrying. The new constituencies it has carved out appear to consolidate Hindu and Muslim-majority constituencies. The most likely result will be to cement the chasm that already yawns between the two communities. That, incidentally, is a goal that terrorist organisations such as the Lashkar-e-Toiba and the Jaish-e-Mohammed have long worked towards.

Admittedly, the implementation of the Modi administration's stated goals was always going to be difficult. Bringing security or prosperity to a State that had been conflict-ridden for decades was, as Atal Bihari Vajpayee or Manmohan Singh could have told Mr. Modi, a long-term task. Yet, each achieved a certain degree of success. A.B. Vajpayee broke the peacemaking ground and Dr. Manmohan Singh continued A.B. Vajpayee's policy, adding a tightened security grid that sharply reduced both casualties among civilian and security forces, and opened the State's economy to cross-border trade, an initiative that benefited Jammu as much as the Valley. There was a peace dividend for the economy. Five thousand Kashmiri Pandits returned, albeit somewhat uncertainly. Independent media proliferated, even if its quality was uneven.

Parliament can act

The Modi administration has thus far chosen another way, of unilateralism over electoral democracy and freedom of expression. In doing so, it has dissipated the gains made by A.B. Vajpayee and Dr. Singh between 2000 and 2014. But it can still begin the long haul back to stabilisation of what is today a miserably dangerous situation. Assembly elections are a first step which should be taken immediately. If they could be held under the earlier delimitation and the commission's present report be put to the new Assembly for consultation, it would be in the spirit of 'cooperative federalism' (an oxymoronic formulation that applies to India's partially federal structure).

Home Minister Shah has repeatedly promised the restoration of statehood. Three years is a long time to hold up that promise without implementing it. Parliament is currently in session and could easily amend the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019. What could be a more fitting conclusion to the 75th year of Independence than the return to basic elements of electoral democracy in Jammu and Kashmir, which alone would lead to an improvement in human rights on the ground?

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Remembering an expulsion, remaking opportunity

Though the expulsion of Ugandan Asians was a dark event, the 'Commonwealth Advantage' must be revived

YOWERI K. MUSEVENI

August 4 was a sobering day to reflect on the historic ties that bind Britain and Uganda. Exactly 50 years ago, on that date, Ugandan dictator Idi Amin gave the entire Indian community in the East African nation an ultimatum: leave the country or face the consequences.

Some 50,000 Ugandan Indians who had known nowhere but Uganda as their homeland were made to abandon their country to begin lives anew elsewhere. Some fled to neighbouring Kenya, others to Canada. Most left for the United Kingdom. The businesses, possessions and lands they left behind were confiscated.

We must never forget this forced expulsion and shameful chapter in Uganda's past: a warning from history to the world of what can transpire when there are no checks or democratic balances on the whims of those who hold positions of power.

Years later, after Amin and his followers had been overthrown in a civil war in 1979, the Indian community was welcomed back by my administration. Today, we should consider what we nearly lost – and what together our two countries can now gain.

A steady rise

The first Indians settled in Uganda in 1895, when the Imperial British East Africa Company extracted the first 350 men primarily from the Punjab region of India, bringing them to work on the first Uganda Railway. Over the course of six years, some 32,000 labourers were brought from India to lay train tracks.

Together with Gujarati traders, Uganda's Indian community – known then, and today, as "Ugandan Asians" – was born. At the time, the British perhaps could not foresee how these labourers and traders would extend their influence beyond the construction of a railway. An industrious people, the first Ugandan Asians became prosperous, helping build our nation's economy.

Much later, after independence (October 9, 1962) had been won, the then President, Idi Amin, who came to power in 1971, started fanning the flames of anti-Indian sentiment in Uganda. It is said a number had grown to believe that life was better under Britain – a country Amin first admired, but in office had grown to hate. A fearful, unstable, and paranoid man, some say, Amin decided to expel all Ugandan Asians after he heard voices instructing him in a dream. What is certain is that after a first attempt was made by Ugandan rebels and Tanzanian forces to overthrow him, he began to purge all those in Ugandan society he deemed a threat. What followed was one of the most vicious reigns of terror in African history, where over 300,000 Indigenous Ugandans were killed and disappeared.

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After the war in which Amin was defeated, Uganda's economy and international reputation were in tatters. Integral to rectifying this was bringing our Indian community home.

Today their numbers are not what they were but continue to grow. Some, such as former High Court Justice Justice Anup Singh Choudry, have served at the highest levels of our judiciary system. Others, such as swimmer Supra Singhal (now Supra Agarwal), have represented us at the Olympics. Uganda's strong reputation for academia is upheld by the likes of Professor Mahmood Mamdani. Others and their descendants have stayed in countries such as Britain that welcomed them. From British Home Secretary Priti Patel to the Liberal Democrats' Lord Verjee, to Asif Din who played cricket for Warwickshire, scoring a hundred and winning the man-of-the-match award in the 1993 Natwest Trophy final, widely regarded as the best domestic final. There are many contributing to political, business, and cultural life.

Trade is sound

Though trade between our two nations started centuries ago, before the British when Indian Gujaratis introduced cotton cloth into the hinterland of East Africa and took back elephant tusks, gold, and other precious metals in exchange, it has flourished since Amin's overthrow. During the last 25 years, Indian exports to Uganda have increased at an annualised rate of 11.1% – the value rising from just $58 million in 1995 to close to $1 billion in 2020. We want to go further still.

In today's global economic hardship and geopolitical volatility, fostering and building upon our international relationships is more important than ever before. Now, India and Uganda are among those countries that have a unique means of doing so: the Commonwealth. No club in the world is like it – 56 nations around the world united by a single language, shared values and similar legal systems, rendering it 21% cheaper to do business across member countries. This "Commonwealth Advantage", as it is known, means our shared and truly singular global network that has the potential to boost not just trade but also security, education, and diplomatic influence for its members well beyond their locality.

The United Kingdom, one of the largest economies in the Commonwealth, signed a Memorandum of Understanding in 2021, becoming the first non-African country to sign an agreement with the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), a new pan-African trade bloc offering access for the first time to the African continent's combined $3 trillion market. We urge others, especially India and Canada among Commonwealth members, as those with such a deep Ugandan Asian heritage, to follow suit.

The Ugandan railway built by the forebears of today's Indian community is, like the empire that created it, no more. Still, today some balk at using the Commonwealth to its full potential because it was born from colonialism. But the past is gone. What remains is our shared inheritance, and it is for all Commonwealth's members to rebuild, reshape, and take ownership of our historic club. We should use it to trade closer and better, and make it what it should be – the vehicle for our shared futures.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Court on freebies

The concern expressed by the Supreme Court of India on the issue of 'reckless freebies' being offered to the electorate, election after election, should be viewed in the right spirit by all political parties as the freebie culture is creating a heavy burden on the exchequer. While it is acceptable that welfare measures should reach the downtrodden, it is a *sine qua non* that the parties should ensure that the revenues generated (from taxes paid by citizens) are not squandered by offering freebies left, right and centre with the sole purpose of political gains.

S. SESHADRI,
Chennai

■ The culture of freebies, especially before elections, is the new potent tool to woo the disgruntled voter and sway the election result. Providing long-term benefits to the poor and not pushing the economy into the red must be the mantra of all political parties.

Dr. BIJU C. MATHEW,
Thiruvananthapuram

■ One should remember that the freebie culture was designed and promoted by some political parties not with a lofty ideal of helping the poor and the needy but only as an easier and more attractive way of capturing votes and occupying the seat of power. The expenditure on freebies is borne by the state, and in turn the additional burden is shared by all citizens. Having got used to it, the people expect more from the state, and the burden becomes unbearable. States are already reeling under a heavy debt burden as a result of salaries and pension payments. Further, with GST, States are unable to tap other sources to generate more revenue. Therefore, political parties should think of other options if they are really interested in the welfare of the poor.

A. MICHEAL DHANARAJ,
Coimbatore

■ There is no clarity on what can be dubbed as freebies in India where millions still struggle to make a decent living. In the last few years, mega bank loans have been written off. The assets of public sector undertakings are often being sold at a price much below their fair price. Should not these rank as freebies? Don't they impact the "national economic wellbeing"? Incidentally, the case of opaque electoral bonds – the perception is that they are an aid in scuttling democratic choices – has been pending in the Supreme Court. A court which is concerned over "distorting the informed decisions of voters" ought to act fast.

MANOHAR ALEMBATH,
Kannur, Kerala

■ Instead of dabbling in policy matters, the top court ought to devote its energy in deciding several matters of great constitutional and national importance challenging the validity of statutory provisions, and the disposal of cases pending for years. If the judiciary begins to speak the language of the Prime Minister, it diminishes the image of the top court.

S.N.SHUKLA,
Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

Taiwan tensions

It is not a far-fetched scenario that China *vis-à-vis* Taiwan might duplicate the paradigm of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The common cause would be the U.S.'s 'interference' in the neighbourhood. The sabre-rattling by China during U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit might escalate since military flashpoints have an unpredictable nature. In the event of a conflict, economic sanctions on China will be inevitable, which could impact us. India has to do some diplomatic tightrope walking since the Indian economy is hugely dependent on the twin factors of imports from China and exports to the West.

R. THOMAS PAUL,
Bengaluru

Chess match

The Fischer versus Spassky match (OpEd, 'From the Archives', July 28) brought back memories of the Cold War, in what was billed as the "match of the century". "Chess is war on board," Fischer once said. "The object is to crush the other man's mind". The U.S. may not have won the Cold War in Reykjavik, but it won the battle on the chessboard. It was truly a match between an eccentric genius and a gentleman. Though it was Fischer who provided the spectacle, we forget what a great player and sportsman Boris Spassky was. Their 1992 rematch helped mellow some of the acrimony of 1972.

M. ANAND RAM SESHU,
Bengaluru

Is the declining rupee a crisis or an opportunity?

PARLEY

There is an expectation of further depreciation, which can lead to further capital outflows

The rupee's steep slide to the 79-to-a-dollar range is bound to impact importers, widen the current account deficit (CAD) and increase India's external debt burden. But how much of a problem is this going to be for the Indian economy, given that the rest of the world is facing economic challenges as well? Zico Dasgupta and Indranil Pan discuss whether the declining rupee presents a crisis or an opportunity, in a conversation moderated by **Bharat Kumar K.** *Edited excerpts:*

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The declining rupee has several consequences. In sum, is it a crisis or an opportunity?

Zico Dasgupta: This is a matter of concern because the question of opportunity arises when one talks about the positive impact of the declining rupee on trade balance and net exports. That seems to be limited for two reasons. First, despite depreciation in the nominal exchange rate, the real exchange rate has not really depreciated in recent times and that is what matters for questions of trade balance and exports. Second, in the last two-three decades, the sensitivity of exports has been weak as far as changes in the real exchange rate is concerned. The depreciation is concerning – not exactly on the lines of the instability we have seen in Sri Lanka or other developing countries, but because it adds to the inflationary pressure and squeezes the purchasing power of those whose incomes are not linked to the crisis.

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Some predict CAD could rise to 4% of the GDP in the first half of this fiscal. Is this unhealthy or can we live with it?

Indranil Pan: A broad indication that we are working with at this time is 3% CAD as a proportion of GDP with the assumption that oil is at about $110 per barrel. If oil is at $120, the CAD goes up to 3.3%. From the RBI (Reserve Bank of India)'s perspective, the moment CAD crosses 2.5%, red flags come up. More importantly, rather than only looking at the CAD, we need to find out whether we have adequate flows on the capital side to bridge the CAD. And if we do, then even if the CAD is at 3%, it might not be very strenuous for the economy. Currently, because of the changing landscape in terms of the monetary policy cycle globally, emerging market inflows have dried up. There are more outflows from emerging markets. So, the RBI has to sell dollars in the spot market to contain the depreciation. Depreciation pressures are relatively more contained than in 2013. I don't mean it's time to sleep over it; definitely, you need to see in what ways the capital flow can be improved – RBI has come out with certain policies on that – or determine how the current account gap can be closed by reducing imports. There can be a natural adjustment: the higher inflation and tighter monetary policy domestically would dampen local demand. So, non-oil, non-gold imports are expected to be softer. Fears of a global recession could also lead to a downward bias in crude oil prices; that could be positive for the current account. But global slowdown may also pull down exports and that is worrying from the CAD perspective.

ZD: Right now, it's not a crisis as serious as Sri Lanka's, but it's a matter of concern. Whenever the rupee or any currency starts depreciating, there is always an expectation of further depreciation, which can lead to further capital outflows. In that context, the central bank needs to keep an eye on the situation.

The RBI is said to be prepared to spend another $100 billion, if needed, to defend the rupee. If that happens, are we still in a healthy position?

IP: In terms of how much reserves you need, there is no thumb rule to indicate that this is enough. Earlier, flows were adequate, the CAD was low and the RBI actually managed to mop up a lot of forex and built up reserves to about $635 billion. On the downside, again, there is no maximum extent to which you can reduce your forex reserves. But the RBI must watch the import cover of forex reserves; that has now fallen sharply as the import bill remains high and forex resources have depleted. The consequent impact on the rupee liquidity is another factor the RBI needs to watch.

The critical issue for the rupee is not the level, it's the volatility. If the depreciation pressure is gradual, in line with the fact that global monetary policy is tightening and other emerging market currencies are also weakening, the RBI shouldn't mind allowing the rupee to also depreciate. We probably need to tell the corporates that they need a better hedging strategy when the currency is more or less stable or slightly appreciating. Currency depreciation is per se not bad, because it helps maintain the competitive advantage. Also, it helps keep a check on imports, because the moment currency depreciates, the prices of imported goods go up and that dampens the demand for importables. Of course, the demand for oil is relatively inelastic.

ZD: There is hardly any way to say that if you spend X amount of dollars, one is safe... think about the East Asian experience in the mid-1990s. Those countries were doing pretty well on the external sector or the economy. When the crisis hit and the capital started flowing out, it was not only a question of depletion of forex reserves; it was the expectation of depletion of the reserves combined with currency depreciation which led to the instability. So, as long as the capital doesn't stop flowing out, it will always be a matter of concern for us, no matter to what extent the forex reserve is depleted.

With a declining rupee, the value of our external debt has risen. Is that a concern?

IP: It's a tricky question. The point should be whether the ECB (external commercial borrowing) flows are hedged or not for currency depreciation. If they have been hedged, there is no problem. But if they have not, the amount to be repaid in terms of the rupee will have surely gone up. Companies will have to adjust it into the balance sheets and hence, we can see some squeeze in the balance sheets of some companies. Some companies may still look at hedging their near-term payables. In the Indian context, the bigger worry is short-term debt with residual maturity of three-six months. Depreciation next year may be slower, because the global atmosphere could have changed by then. And who knows? If the recession hits larger parts of the world, there can be a faster reversal of the current tightening than what we anticipate now.

> **The question of opportunity arises when one talks about the positive impact of the declining rupee on trade balance and net exports. That seems to be limited.**
> ZICO DASGUPTA

I'm not worried about the longer-term ECBs. Because if you take the average, the last 10 years have given a currency depreciation of only about 3.5-3.8%. The RBI has been trying to push ECBs by relaxing end-use and also increasing the interest rate cap for the ECBs. This will enable relatively lower rated companies to attempt to raise funds abroad.

Given the recent moves by the government and the RBI, have we exhausted policy options?

ZD: No. Of course, it is an exogenous shock, but it's not that there hardly exists any policy instrument to deal with that, at least for damage control. First, why is the falling rupee a problem? It could result in instability, which is not the case at this juncture, but there is also a question of inflationary pressure. If we look at the nominal exchange rate and the real exchange rate, the latter has remained stable in India in the last two years or so, despite the nominal exchange rate depreciating. This means domestic prices are rising faster than international prices. As there are domestic factors related to the question of prices, policy actions might come in there. For example, how to ease inflationary pressure in the agricultural [sector], how to compensate those whose incomes are getting squeezed due to higher prices because their incomes are not linked to the prices... The RBI needs to ensure a mix of exchange rate adjustment and depletion of forex reserves to maintain some stability in exchange rates.

What could the government or the RBI do differently if they could do it all over again?

ZD: Till now, the policy measure has been exclusively dependent on monetary policy. That has its own limitations. The interest rate is expected to stabilise the inflation rate primarily. But the trend in the Indian economy would suggest that the relationship between output and inflation rate, termed the Phillips Curve in literature, has been flat, in that the inflation rate changes for reasons other than demand factors. Those factors cannot be combated by interest rate charges. On the other hand, higher interest rates or higher repo rates have an adverse impact on output, which affects GDP growth. And that's the reason why the RBI has predicted a fall in GDP growth in the coming days. What is needed is greater dependence on the fiscal instrument. There are only two ways to do that. The first is to increase corporate tax in some form, to finance additional government expenditures, particularly in compensating labour's income. The second is to rethink fiscal policy rules - review to what extent rules we follow are relevant and useful in the current context.

Historically, corporate tax rate changes have hardly had an impact on corporate investment rates over time. For example, in 2018-19 when there was a huge corporate tax concession, there was hardly any impact on the corporate investment rates. The other option would be to do away with different corporate tax concessions. At this point, such concessions amount to around ₹5 lakh crore. So, even if one squeezes that amount of concessions, there would be a lot of fiscal space available.

IP: I would have been happier seeing [recent] policies coming through in the monetary policy commentary rather than a knee-jerk announcement in the middle of a month, for it affects the sentiment of the market and raises doubts on whether the RBI is running out of resources to defend the currency, which is not the case. These policies forming a part of the monetary policy statement might have led to a more balanced view by the market. The critical areas the government needs to look at are how to prevent inflationary pressures from getting more widespread. Today's twin deficit problem in India, which was also there in 2013, is coming more from the fiscal side rather than the current account side. If you cumulate the fiscal deficit as a proportion of GDP and the CAD together, we are as wide today on the twin deficits as we were in 2013. Now, we are expecting CAD at around 3%; in 2013, it was around 4.5%. The critical action we need is more on how to manage government finances and have a course chalked out on how to bring the deficit and government debt down. The government's outstanding debt is large and increases in interest rates will raise the interest bill. Correcting for fiscal imbalances will also improve the overall macro atmosphere and offer a positive signal to the external world, providing comfort to investors.

What did you mean by rethinking policy rules?

ZD: Fiscal policy targets a specific level of debt to GDP ratio, i.e., it targets debt stability, and the job of the monetary policy is to target the output gap and thereby control inflation. Now, the intensity of the slowdown is such that the interest rate is unable to compensate for either the output growth rate or labour income, and now there is the added pressure of increasing interest rates. Fiscal policy needs to play a role in helping boost demand, but that is not exactly consistent with the present policy framework. By its very design, fiscal policy is meant to stabilise debt to GDP ratio, it is not meant to boost aggregate output growth rate or labour income. So, we need to think about the purpose of the fiscal policy rule given the crisis we're facing.

NOTEBOOK

The rise and rise of chess players

Young stars can now afford to dream of making it big in chess, which was not the case earlier

P.K. AJITH KUMAR

'Thambi', the mascot of the 44th Chess Olympiad, greeted me soon after I landed at the Chennai airport. Wearing his white dhoti and shirt, he welcomed every passenger with folded hands from the blue hoarding. I encountered him several times during the smooth drive to Mamallapuram, the scenic venue of the Olympiad. The world's most prestigious team event for chess, featuring over 1,700 players from 186 countries, has created a huge buzz. It is getting the attention it deserves from the public and the media in India. This may be the largest chess event for India, but there have been some big ones before, such as the World Championships of 2000 and 2013. However, those events did not quite capture the public's imagination like the way the Olympiad has.

Viswanathan Anand was the common feature at both those events. I remember the frenzy he created at Delhi's Hyatt Regency more than two decades ago. I saw how much he meant to the Indian chess fans. It was my second meeting with him. The first time I met him, I wasn't a journalist; I was one of the players at the Kerala State Junior Chess Championship at Pala. He had come for a felicitation after winning the World Junior Championship in 1987; it was a turning point for his career and for Indian chess.

When Anand played Magnus Carlsen at home, 13 years after his first title, the media interest in chess had grown considerably. I remember chatting, at Chennai's Hyatt Regency, with members of a particularly large contingent from Norway, who did not want to miss the possible crowning of their first world champion. Carlsen did not disappoint them. Now, he is back in Chennai and is among the biggest attractions at the Olympiad. He arrived shortly after abdicating his world title, which he won five times in a row, citing lack of motivation.

Rapid strides

The interest in chess in India has grown even more since Carlsen's last visit. The live streaming of chess tournaments, the rapid strides the game made during the pandemic (it is suited for the virtual world), the fact that India jointly won the Online Chess Olympiad along with Russia, the popularity of the Netflix series *The Queen's Gambit*, which took the game to the mainstream, and the emergence of a fabulous bunch of teenagers who are ready to take on the world are all contributing factors to this phenomenon. That Anand is mentoring the youngsters augurs well for Indian chess. Young stars like R. Praggnanandhaa, Arjun Erigaisi, Nihal Sarin, D. Gukesh and Raunak Sadhwani can now afford to dream of making it really big in chess, which was not the case earlier.

An anecdote illustrates this well. In the early days of his career, when Anand was travelling by train, a fellow passenger started a conversation with him. "What do you do," he asked Anand. "I play chess," Anand said. The passenger persisted, "But what do you do for a living?" Anand again replied, "I play chess." The man said, "Who do you think you are? Viswanathan Anand?"

Another Indian star, from around that time, also had to answer a difficult question when he was introduced to someone as a chess player. "Singles or doubles?" the person wanted to know. A chess star today may not have to go through experiences like these.

India's knowledge of chess has come a long way since then. People know that possibilities are enormous for a talented child. That is why parents are taking their children to chess classes and making enormous sacrifices. For instance, during a tournament many years ago, I met a soft-spoken man who told me that he had quit his job as a lecturer so that he could concentrate on his daughter's career in chess. Today, she is the strongest female player at the Chennai Chess Olympiad. And you guessed it right: that's Koneru Humpy.

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DATA POINT

Personal bank loans surge: CMIE

The demand for personal loans remained high in the first quarter of 2022-23, according to a Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy analysis. There was an increase in outstanding credit for personal loans in April, which slowed in May, but recovered again in June. In this quarter, interest rates started rising from an all-time low after a long hiatus. At the same time, retail inflation surged to an eight-year high of 7.4%. Despite this double whammy, the demand for retail loans remained firm

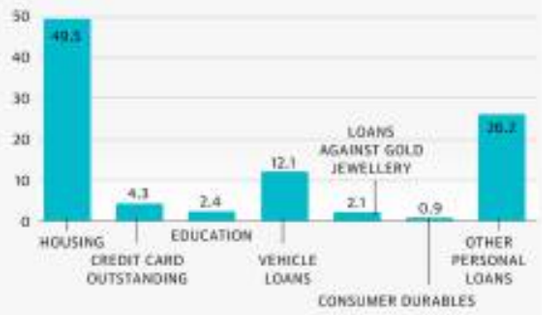
1. CONSISTENT GROWTH | In June 2022, outstanding personal loans grew by **1.5%** over the preceding month. This growth was the highest among the major segments of bank loans. A similar trend was observed in January, February, March and April, too, this calender year. The table lists the month-on-month % increase in outstanding credit across major heads

Month	Agriculture and allied activities	Industry	Personal loans	Services
Jan. 2022	1.04%	2.06%	3%	1.98%
Feb. 2022	1.13%	2.9%	3.97%	2.13%
Mar. 2022	0.86%	0.55%	2.39%	1.7%
Apr. 2022	1.18%	0%	1.69%	0.05%
May 2022	0.34%	0.4%	0.72%	0.81%
June 2022	1.17%	0.1%	1.51%	0.9%

2. RECORD QUARTERLY BUMP | The disbursal of personal loans by scheduled commercial banks (SCBs) increased by **₹1,342 billion** in the quarter that ended in June over the preceding quarter

This was the highest disbursal of personal loans compared to the disbursal seen in the first quarter of any fiscal year since at least FY18. The graph shows personal loans disbursed in the first quarter since FY18

3. HOUSING LOANS LEAD GROWTH | The buoyant performance of the retail loan segment was driven by higher disbursals to the housing segment. Housing loans make up **half the outstanding personal loans** at present. Vehicle loans account for around 12%



The share of credit card outstanding accounts for 4%, while loans for consumer durables account for less than 1% of personal loans. The category 'other personal loans' makes up a substantial chunk of 25%

4. RECORD HOME LOANS | Housing loans increased by **₹565 billion** during the quarter that ended in June 2022. This was the highest disbursement in any June quarter of the last few fiscal years

This increase in disbursements for housing loans indicates that home buyers do not seem to have been deterred by the rise in interest rates

1 Credit growth in the major segments of personal loans such as housing and vehicles have remained robust in the face of rising interest rates. Apparently, credit demand from the higher income classes is intact

2 The demand for consumer durables reflects, to a great extent, the demand from the more modest income groups. This has slowed. Apparently, there is an income effect in play in the demand for credit

3 The cost of borrowing will rise further as the RBI is set to hike the policy repo rate. But a relatively benign outlook on inflation and the onset of the festive season is likely to hold up demand for personal loans

SOURCE: "WHAT DRIVES BANK CREDIT GROWTH?" WRITTEN BY JANAKI SAMANT, PUBLISHED IN CMIE

The Hindu.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

FIFTY YEARS AGO AUGUST 5, 1972

Troops pull-out: Talks on Aug. 7

The Government of India has suggested to Pakistan that officers of the rank of army commanders from both sides should meet on August 7 to discuss and decide on the broad principles of withdrawal of forces to the international border and the simultaneous delineation of the line of control in Jammu and Kashmir. Lt. Gen. P.S. Bhagat, GOC-in-C of the newly created Northern Army Command, is likely to represent India at this meeting, which may be held in Islamabad, according to informed sources. Pakistan has been asked to name its representative. It is likely Gen. Tikka Khan's successor as GOC-in-C of Pakistan's Eastern Command will head his country's team. Some arrangements are also expected to be made to keep close contact between the two Army Headquarters to review the progress of the troops withdrawal, according to the detailed plan which will be worked out at the Islamabad meeting. The withdrawal of troops is also expected to be accompanied by simultaneous delineation of the line of control in the Jammu and Kashmir sector. After the broad plans are finalised at this meeting, the Area Commanders in Punjab and Kashmir and the Pakistani Commanders in Lahore and the occupied Kashmir area are expected to hold meetings to finalise other details about withdrawal of forces. The delineation of the line of control in the Jammu and Kashmir area is to be followed by withdrawal of troops on either side to a distance of at least 400 metres from the line of control as per the manual for troops withdrawal specified under the Geneva Convention.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO AUGUST 5, 1922

Tenali patriots

Srijut Itikala Seoryanarayana, Taluq Congress Secretary and Malladi Subramanyam, Congress worker, Tenali were released from Rajahmundry jail on the 1st instant. They arrived at Guntur the same evening. Friends and leaders of the District received and garlanded them at the station. After an informal Taluk with the Civil Disobedience Committee about jail life, they were taken to Tenali and were received and garlanded by the citizens of Tenali. They were taken in a huge procession through the town. During the procession a welcome address was presented to the heroes in Gandhi Chouk. Both were healthy and cheerful, they expressed their determination to continue the Congress work more vigorously.

FROM PAGE ONE

Kerala stares at repeat of 2018 floods

Those in areas where people were displaced during the 2018 flood, especially those in low-lying areas of Thrissur and Ernakulam districts, should move to camps, said Mr. Vijayan. Fishermen are advised not to venture into the sea as squally weather with wind speed of 40-55 kmph gusting to 65 kmph is very likely along the coast of Kerala and Lakshadweep.

NDRF deployed

Nine teams of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) were already deployed and the State has sought two teams each from the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and Defence Security Corps and one column of the Army and the Navy in view of the heavy rain forecast.

A holiday was declared for educational institutions in Thrissur, Pathnamthitta, Idukki, Kottayam, Alappuzha, Palakkad and Wayanad.

The weather bulletin of the India Meteorological Department (IMD) issued an orange alert for five districts – Idukki, Kozhikode, Wayanad, Kannur and Kasaragod on Friday.

China holds military drills near Taiwan

"Today's China is not the old China of 100 years ago that was humiliated and bullied," the spokesperson said.

Thursday's drills, carried out by the PLA Eastern Theater Command, were a show of force aimed as much at Taiwan as at the domestic audience in China, coming after Beijing's public warnings failed to deter Ms. Pelosi's visit. Starting at midday on Thursday, the long-range live-fire exercise carried out "precision strikes on specific areas in the eastern part of the Taiwan Strait," Senior Colonel Shi Yi, spokesperson for the Eastern Theatre Command, said, adding that units of the rocket force conducted a "multi-zone fire assault drill".

Chinese State media described the drills as "unprecedented" and noted that missiles, fired from the eastern coast of China, had likely flown above the island of Taiwan for the first time, as they had struck targets in waters to the east.

Navy all-woman crew chart a new course

Pilots Lt. Shivangi and Lt. Apurva Gite, and Tactical and Sensor Officers Lt. Pooja Panda and Sub Lt. Pooja Shekhawat were part of the mission.

They are part of the Indian Naval Air Squadron INAS-314 based at Naval Air Enclave in Porbandar. Stating that the Navy has been a front-runner in driving transformation, the statement said its women empowerment initiatives include induction of women pilots, selection of women Air Operations Officers into the helicopter stream and conducting sailing circumnavigation expedition across the globe in 2018.

Thackeray faction gets relief from SC

The Bench, headed by CJI Ramana, asked ECI to hold action on Shinde's claim over party and symbol

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday said it would decide, likely by August 8, the question of referring the battle between Uddhav Thackeray and Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde over the "real" Shiv Sena to a Constitution Bench.

Meanwhile, the three-judge Bench led by Chief Justice of India (CJI) N. V. Ramana requested the Election Commission of India (ECI) to desist from taking any precipitate action on Mr. Shinde's claim over the party and its symbol of bow and arrow. "We will take a call and at the same time, the date fixed by the EC is August 8 to submit a reply by the petitioners (Shinde group). If they (Uddhav) want some more time in view of the pendency of the matter then they will file an application seeking time. It is open for EC to grant reasonable adjournment," the Bench, including Justices Krishna Murari and Hima Kohli, said.

> If you are completely ignoring the political party after being elected, then it is a danger to democracy
> SUPREME COURT

The court, however, asked the ECI to give a reasonable adjournment when the case came up for hearing before it on August 8. The Thackeray loyalists had earlier moved the Supreme Court against the ECI proceedings.

They had urged the court to direct the ECI to halt its proceedings. They had argued that the apex court was already looking into every facet of the entire gamut of legal issues connected to the recent developments in Maharashtra politics, right from the breaking away of Mr. Shinde and his supporters to the resignation of Mr. Thackeray as Chief Minister to the floor test, etc.

If the case is referred to a Constitution Bench, one of the cardinal issues, as pointed out by the CJI, would be whether the dissent of Mr. Shinde's faction, without subsequently forming a new party or merging with another, amounted to a "split" from the original Shiv Sena party. A "split" from the original political party without a subsequent merger with another party or formation of a new faction was no longer a defence from disqualification under the Tenth Schedule (anti-defection law) of the Constitution.

Mr. Salve said the anti-defection law cannot be an "anti-dissent" law. The Bench, at this juncture, said, "If you are completely ignoring the political party after being elected then it is a danger to democracy."

While agreeing to look into this question in depth, the apex court had asked the Maharashtra Assembly Speaker to maintain status quo on the disqualification proceedings against MLAs from both Shinde and Thackeray factions. The court had also directed the Assembly secretariat to keep its records in safe custody.

Allahabad HC denies bail to journalist Kappan

He has been in Mathura district jail for past 22 months

MAYANK KUMAR
LUCKNOW

The Lucknow Bench of the Allahabad High Court on Thursday rejected the bail petition of journalist Siddique Kappan, who was arrested by the Uttar Pradesh police on October 5, 2020 when he was travelling to Hathras to meet the family of a Dalit gang-rape victim.

The police have charged him under the UAPA and Sections of the Indian Penal Code, accusing him of creating communal disharmony.

The single Bench of Justice Krishan Pahal dismissed the bail applications. The detailed order is yet to be released.

Mr. Kappan was as a reporter for the Malayalam news website *Azhimukham* and was the secretary of the Delhi Unit of the Kerala Union of Working Journalists (KUWJ), when he was arrested. The 42-year-old journalist has been in jail since then. He has been charge under Sections 124 A (sedition), 295A(deliberate and malicious acts intended to outrage religious feelings) and 153A (promoting enmity between different groups on religious grounds) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), apart from Sections 17 and 18 of the UAPA.

Siddique Kappan

The journalist, who has been lodged in the Mathura district jail for the past 22 months, is likely to approach the Supreme Court.

In July 2021, Mr. Kappan's bail application was rejected by the sessions court in Mathura and afterwards, he approached the Lucknow Bench of the Allahabad High Court, which has reserved its order on August 2 after hearing the arguments of lawyers of the accused and the Uttar Pradesh government.

The KUWJ Delhi unit expressed disappointment over the decision of the court.

After the court's order, former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti said the judiciary should "walk the talk". She took on social networking site Twitter and wrote, "CJI said bail & not jail is the norm so why isn't it being implemented? Siddique Kappan was once again denied bail an continues to be behind bars for 22 months for covering the Hathras gang-rape. High time judiciary walks the talk."

Bihar labourer killed, 2 hurt in Pulwama attack

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
SRINAGAR

One labourer from Bihar was killed and two from the State were injured in a militant attack in Pulwama of south Kashmir on Thursday.

A police spokesman said militants hurled a grenade at the labourers in the Gadoora area of Pulwama.

The deceased has been identified as Muhammad Mumtaz from Sakwa Parsa in Bihar.

The injured have been identified as Muhammad Arif and Muhammad Majbool from Rampor.

"The condition of both is stable," the police said.

The militant attack comes as J&K completes three years without special constitutional position. The Centre on August 5, 2019 revoked its special status under Article 370.

'Include chapter on Borphukan in syllabus'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GUWAHATI

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has written a letter on Thursday to his counterparts across the country to include a chapter on Ahom army general Lachit Borphukan in the textbooks of educational institutions in their respective States. The request is among a series of initiatives undertaken by the government for the year-long celebration of the iconic 17th-century military strategist's 400th birth anniversary.

"Lachit Borphukon's valorous leadership led to the decisive defeat of the Mughals at the Battle of Saraighat in 1671, registering for him a unique space in the annals of Assam history," Mr. Sarma wrote.

130 'hate news' cases reported since LS polls

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

A total of 130 cases of "hate news" were reported to social media platforms between the 2019 Lok Sabha election and the latest round of Assembly polls in five States held earlier this year, Law Minister Kiren Rijiju informed the Rajya Sabha on Thursday.

Mr. Rijiju made these remarks while responding to the BJP's Kirodi Lal Meena. "Total number of 'hate news' cases reported to social media platforms is 130...," he said.

During the 2019 Lok Sabha election, 58 such cases were reported. While the Maharashtra and Haryana Assembly election in 2019 saw only one such case being reported, in the 2020 Delhi Assembly polls, 34 cases were reported.

In the Assam, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Puducherry Assembly polls last year, 29 cases of "hate news" were reported, he added.

Answering a question from Congress member Deepender Hooda on the number of pending cases in the country's top court, the Minister said over 10,000 cases are pending for over a decade out of a total backlog of around 71,000 cases.

In a written response, he said 71,411 cases as on August 2 were pending before the top court, which included over 56,000 civil matters and over 15,000 criminal matters.

Of the total 71,411 pending cases in the top court, 10,491 were pending for more than 10 years. Over 42,000 cases were pending for less than five years and 18,134 between five and 10 years, the Minister added. The Law Minister said while 40,28,591 cases were pending in the various High Courts in 2016, their numbers went up to 59,55,907 as on July 29 this year -- a rise of 50%.

Mirwaiz completes three years in house detention

Demands for his release increase in Kashmir Valley

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
SRINAGAR

Confined to his home with his immediate family members, Hurriyat chairman and Valley's chief priest Mirwaiz Umar Farooq on Thursday completed three years in house detention in the Nigeen area of Srinagar with no formal case against him.

A mobile bunker blocks the main entrance to the house and no unidentified guest is allowed inside, a close aide of the Mirwaiz said.

He was arrested on August 4, 2019, a day ahead of revocation of Jammu and Kashmir's special Constitutional position.

There are growing voices from the religious and political organisations in the Valley demanding his immediate release. A Hurriyat spokesman said the authorities were "forcibly detaining the Mirwaiz in his house, which is a gross violation of all his fundamental and basic human rights".

Mirwaiz Umar Farooq

"All channels of communication are blocked to him," the spokesman said. He said the Mirwaiz was being "punished for pleading the cause of resolution of the lingering Kashmir conflict through peaceful means of dialogue and deliberations, and good neighbourly relations in the subcontinent".

"We appeal to the government of India to release all Kashmiri political prisoners unconditionally and resume the process of conflict resolution through peaceful means," the spokesman added.

Meanwhile, Peoples Conference chief Sajad Lone also demanded that the Mirwaiz be released.

Political processes remain in freeze in J&K

With gains made on many counts, the real test lies in restoring the electoral processes

PEERZADA ASHIQ
SRINAGAR

As the revocation of the special constitutional status of Jammu and Kashmir completed three years, the Centre continues to adopt a tough stance towards containing separatist sentiment in the Valley and is far from lowering the guard. With gains made on many counts, the real test lies in restoring political and electoral processes in Kashmir.

The administration of Lieutenant-Governor Manoj Sinha revels in the success achieved on the tourism front. With tourist footfall in Kashmir crossing 10 lakh, highest in a decade, the fast-expanding tourist infrastructure has seen many takers locally as well as from outside the Union Territory, with the mood on the streets reflecting a pre-1990 militancy era.

The CRPF personnel checking the vehicles of residents ahead of Independence Day in Srinagar on Thursday. • NISSAR AHMAD

An official said the growing footfall saw Ankit Gupta, chief executive officer, OYO India, in July offering to work on an ambitious project of setting up 200 homestays "to create rural livelihoods in J&K under the project 'Crown of Incredible India', in a bid to open off-beat tourist destinations to travellers first time in the past three decades".

The second biggest achievement on the development front has been approved investment proposals worth ₹27,000 crore, with the J&K administration eyeing ₹70,000 crore for this year. However, except for the ₹150-crore project of the JSW Group, of the Jindals, to set up a steel plant in south Kashmir's Pulwama, work on any other major project in the Valley is yet to take off.

Poor recruitment pace, with just around 1,500 recruited since 2019, and irregularities in recruitment processes, which already saw the cancellation of appointments of 1,200 sub-inspectors, has put a question mark on the credibility of the L-G administration.

Despite the gains on the development front, the security apparatus remains on edge in Kashmir. An official said the number of security personnel mobilised into Kashmir ahead of the August 5, 2019 move by the Centre to end the special position "remains by and large the same".

83 NIA raids

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has carried out more than 83 raids in Kashmir this year so far to put a constant pressure on militants and their support base, official figures suggested. Around 500 militants have been killed in Kashmir since 2019, but the ranks continue to swell.

As the police continue to deny the bodies of militants to their families fearing more recruitments, local recruits remain a major security challenge. Ten residential properties stand attached for providing bases to militants in Srinagar.

New Delhi maintains 'studied silence' on Taiwan crisis

India avoids controversy at a sensitive time in border talks, but doesn't wish to claim allegiance to 'One China policy' either

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NEW DELHI/BEIJING

Amid growing number of international reactions to developments in the Taiwan straits and tensions between the U.S. and China, New Delhi chose to maintain a "studied silence" on the unfolding situation, omitting any mention of it even in talks held by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar on the sidelines of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) summit in Phnom Penh. The decision not to issue a statement, said officials and experts, is deliberate, as New Delhi seeks to avoid a controversy on a sensitive issue between the U.S. and China, and also given that India, unlike other countries in the region, has not referenced the "One China" policy since at least 2010.

On Thursday, Mr. Jaishankar attended the ASEAN-India summit, and held talks with U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, as well as Foreign Ministers of Australia, Sri Lanka and Vietnam.

Mr. Jaishankar called the talks with Ministers "productive" and "warm", and said he had discussed a number of issues with ASEAN countries including the "Indo-Pacific, UNCLOS, connectivity, COVID-19, terrorism, cybersecurity, Ukraine and Myanmar", without referencing the Taiwan situation. "The two exchanged views on global and regional issues, including Russia's brutal aggression against Ukraine and the implications it has had on food insecurity around the world, "said the U.S. State Department in its readout of the Jaishankar-Blinken meeting, adding that they also discussed Sri Lanka's economic crisis and "promoting accountability for the [Myanmar] regime's atrocities".

Officials and experts said New Delhi's decision not to comment on the situation unfolding after the visit to Taipei by U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi followed by China's sharp reaction, military exercises and missile tests, is a "carefully decided" one, aimed at ensuring India does not wish to cause a controversy with China at a sensitive time in border talks, but doesn't wish to claim allegiance to the "One China policy", either. "A loud silence is probably the best response to the situation," a former senior official, now retired, said.

While India has followed the "One China policy" since 1949, indicating it does not recognise any government other than the PRC in Beijing, and only conducts trade and cultural ties with Taiwan, New Delhi stopped mentioning the policy in official statements and joint declarations after 2008. According to officials at the time, the government had taken the decision after a series of Chinese statements claiming Arunachal Pradesh as a part of the Chinese territory, renaming Arunachal towns with Mandarin names, and issuing "stapled visas" to Indian citizens who were residents of Jammu and Kashmir and Arunachal Pradesh. In 2010, during meetings with President Hu Jintao in Brasilia, and Premier Wen Jiabao, joint statements with Prime Minister Manmohan Singh did not refer to the "One China principle". "The thinking was, why is there a need to reiterate the 'One-China policy' when China was not taking our sensitivities into account," said one senior retired official, adding that it wasn't a change in policy but a decision to not repeat it. "We conveyed that if the Chinese side desired India to state the 'One China policy', then it should respect a 'One India principle'," said another former official. The officials confirmed that in 2014, External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj had endorsed the decision too.

In separate statements issued this week, however, ASEAN Foreign Ministers and countries in the region such as Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Pakistan had pointedly affirmed their commitment to the "One China policy". "Pakistan is deeply concerned over the evolving situation in the Taiwan Strait, which has serious implications for regional peace and stability," said the statement issued by the Pakistani Foreign Office.

Assam madrasa with 'terror link' demolished

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GUWAHATI

The authorities in central Assam's Morigaon district on Thursday, demolished a madrasa that was being run by a mufti, allegedly with links to Ansarul Islam, a banned Bangladesh-based terror outfit.

The Jamatul Madrasa in Moirabari was sealed a few days ago after Mustafa, the mufti was arrested with 10 others from across Assam. Police said they were linked to five terror modules busted since March, this year.

APPEAL

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CJI proposes Justice U.U. Lalit as successor

Chief Justice N.V. Ramana is retiring on August 26

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana on Thursday recommended to the government the name of Justice Uday Umesh Lalit as his successor and the 49th Chief Justice of India.

CJI Ramana personally handed over a copy of his letter of recommendation dated August 3 to Justice Lalit when they met for tea in the morning before court.

At 9.30 p.m. on Wednesday, Chief Justice Ramana had received a communication from Law Minister Kiren Rijiju seeking his recommendation for the appointment of the next top judge.

Sources said CJI Ramana recommended Justice Lalit's name in a matter of minutes after receiving Mr. Rijiju's letter.

Legal doyens: Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana, right, with Justice U.U. Lalit on Thursday. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Chief Justice Ramana is retiring on August 26, 2022. Justice Lalit is the senior-most judge in the Supreme Court now.

The 'Memorandum of Procedure of Appointment of Supreme Court Judges' says "appointment to the office of the Chief Justice of India should be of the senior-most judge of the Supreme Court considered fit to hold the office". The process, according to the Memorandum, begins with the Union Law Minister seeking the recommendation of the outgoing CJI about the next appointment.

Justice Lalit, if appointed, would have a tenure of hardly three months.

He is set to retire on November 8.

Truth cannot be barricaded: Rahul

Parliament witnesses disruptions over ED action against Young Indian

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

A day after the Enforcement Directorate (ED) sealed the office of Young Indian, a not-for-profit company that owns the *National Herald* newspaper controlled by Associated Journal Ltd., former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi said he was not scared of the Narendra Modi government's attempt to intimidate him.

Speaking to presspersons outside Parliament on Thursday, Mr. Gandhi dared the government to do whatever it could but said he would not back down.

"This is an attempt at intimidation. They think that they will silence us by putting a little bit of pressure. We will continue to fight against the anti-democratic acts of [Prime Minister] Narendra Modi and [Home Minister] Amit Shah. No matter what they do," Mr. Gandhi said.

"We will not be intimidated, and we are not scared of

Rahul Gandhi

Narendra Modi. Let them do what they want to do. It won't make any difference. My work is to protect the nation, its democratic values and maintain its harmony. I will continue to do so. They can do what they want," he added.

Asked about the barricades outside his home, Mr. Gandhi said, "The truth cannot be barricaded."

The issue of the ED's action was raised in both Houses of Parliament in the morning after a strategy meet of the Congress Parliamentary Party (CPP) presided over by Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge. In the Rajya Sabha, Mr. Kharge lost his cool when he was interrupted just when he started speaking. He wanted to raise the issue of being summoned by the ED right in the middle of the parliamentary proceedings.

"This morning at 11.15 a.m., Leader of the House Piyush Goyal did not allow Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge to have his say. This is the Modi brand of 'democracy' at work!" tweeted Congress Chief Whip Jairam Ramesh.

After a brief adjournment, when the Rajya Sabha met at noon, Mr. Kharge said despite the House being in session, he had received a summon to appear before the agency at half past noon.

He said the residences of Congress chief Sonia Gandhi and former chief Rahul Gandhi had been gheraoed by officials. "They are doing this to scare us, we won't be cowed down by threats," he said. Mr. Piyush Goyal said the government did not interfere in functioning of agencies and "it must be happening in their tenure [Congress], not ours".

By 20 minutes past noon, Mr. Kharge left to attend the summons of the ED.

In the Lok Sabha, Congress Chief Whip Kodikunnil Suresh had given an adjournment motion notice to discuss the sealing of Young Indian but Speaker Om Birla said he would allow them to raise the matter after Question Hour.

Mr. Birla warned the Opposition MPs against coming into the Well of the House as constant sloganeering was going on.

He adjourned the House until 2 p.m. after running the Question Hour for 30 minutes.

While the Lower House functioned only for a few minutes in the post-lunch session, the Rajya Sabha took up discussion on a Bill pertaining to Family Courts.

Summons to Kharge a new low, says Cong.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Leader of the Opposition (LoP) in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge being summoned by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) during the working hours of Parliament is a new low and an insult to parliamentary conventions, the Congress said on Thursday.

"Mallikarjun Kharge, Leader of the Opposition in Rajya Sabha, was summoned by the ED when Parliament is in session. He, of course, left around 12.20 p.m. and presented himself. This is Modishahi reaching new lows," tweeted Congress communication chief Jairam Ramesh.

Mr. Ramesh added that the LoP had been undergoing interrogation by the ED for over four hours. "His ordeal is continuing. The Congress party stands with him in solidarity," he said.

Senior party leader and Rajya Sabha member Digvijaya Singh told reporters that summoning the LoP during Parliamentary proceedings had never happened in the history of democracy. "There is no such example in the history of democracy. If they had to call Mallikarjun Kharge ji, they could have called him before 11 a.m. or after 5 p.m. The Question Hour was going on and before that Zero Hour was there and ED is calling him to appear before it," Mr. Singh said.

Rajya Sabha MP Pramod Tiwari said the ED was being misused.

HC rejects plea of 3 MLAs under arrest

Appeal for stay on inquiry denied

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOLKATA

The Calcutta High Court on Thursday rejected a petition by three Jharkhand MLAs that an investigation against them should be handed over to the Central Bureau of Investigation or any other independent investigating agency.

The MLAs were arrested on July 30 with ₹49 lakh in cash and are under the custody of the West Bengal police's Criminal Investigation Department. The MLAs had also sought a stay on the ongoing investigation which was also turned down by Justice Mousumi Bhattacharya.

Three Congress MLAs from Jharkhand - Irfan Ansari, Rajesh Kachchap and Naman Bixal Kongari - were arrested from Panchala in Howrah last week. Their arrest had triggered a political row with the Congress alleging that the Bharatiya Janata Party was trying to destabilise the elected government in Jharkhand. The Congress party has suspended the three MLAs.

RS passes Family Courts Bill amid protests over ED actions

Legislation will help speedy disposal of cases, says Minister

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Rajya Sabha passed the Family Courts (Amendment) Bill here on Thursday amid disruptions over the Enforcement Directorate's "actions against Opposition MPs" when the House is in session. The Bill validates family courts in Himachal Pradesh and Nagaland with retrospective effect.

The amendment moved by CPI(M) MP V. Sivadasan to send the Bill to a select committee was defeated in a voice vote. The debate took place amid disruptions as Opposition members stormed into the Well of the House demanding that the Centre rein in the ED and the CBI. They shouted slogans against Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and said autocracy would not be tolerated.

Law Minister Kiren Rijiju said there were at present 715 family courts in the country with over 11 lakh pending cases, and said the Bill would help set up at least one family court in each district so that there could be speedy disposal of the cases. The Lok Sabha passed the Bill last week. The Bill clears family courts established in Himachal Pradesh with effect from February 15, 2019 and in Nagaland with effect from September 12, 2008. The Bill also validates all actions under the Act taken by the governments of Himachal Pradesh and Nagaland and the family courts of these States.

Mamata likely to meet Prime Minister today

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOLKATA

At a time when the politics in West Bengal is on the boil over the teacher recruitment scam, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Thursday left for Delhi to participate in a NITI Aayog meeting later this week.

She is likely to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday. A section of BJP leaders from West Bengal did not want the meeting to be be held at a time when the Trinamool government is facing the heat of the scam.

The Left parties and Congress leadership in West Bengal have raised questions on the Chief Minister's visit.

"The visit has nothing to do with NITI (Aayog), it is with *Durniti* (corruption). Mamata Banerjee's visit is clearly an attempt at forging a tacit understanding, so that those close to her may be spared by the investigation agencies," CPI(M) leader Sujan Chakraborty said.

Kunal Ghosh, spokesperson of the Chief Minister, said Ms. Banerjee is likely to raise the issue of pending dues of the State with the Prime Minister.

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AIIMS, Raipur invites online applications (Through Google Form) for Entrance Examination of Advanced Diploma in Radiotherapy Technology (ADRT) – 02 seats (UR-02) and for admission in Pre-Hospital Trauma Technician Course – 10 seats (UR-6, OBC-2, SC-1, EWS-1) - **July 2022 session**.
LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF ONLINE FORM & APPLICATION FEE: 20.08.2022, DATE & TIME OF ENTRANCE EXAMINATION FOR ADRT COURSE: 03.09.2022 (11 AM to 12.30 PM)
For PTT Course - No entrance exam will be conducted for PTT Course. Selection will be made on the basis of aggregate percentage marks of Physics, Chemistry and Biology obtained in 10+2 Examination of CBSE/State Board/any other recognised Board.
* In case of large number of application, nearby centres like Durg, Bhilai or Bilaspur may be allotted.
# Final date of ADRT entrance examination will be notified in Admit Card as well as on AIIMS Raipur website (www.aiimsraipur.edu.in). The information related to date of counselling for PTT Course will be intimated later. For more information kindly visit website regularly.

-Director

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Government of Rajasthan
Directorate of Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS)
2 Jalpath, Gandhi Nagar, Jaipur, Rajasthan
F.No. 3(132)पो./ प्रयोगशाला जांच/ICDS/2022/136756
Date: 28.07.2022
Notice Inviting Bid-03/2022-23
Bids for Laboratory testing of supplementary nutrition recipes samples under ICDS programme are invited from interested bidders up to 2.00 PM (time) on 18.08.2022 (date). Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state; and www.wcd.rajasthan.gov.in departmental website.
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Maharashtra Transmission Communication Infrastructure Ltd (MTCIL)
113, 12th Floor, Building B,247 Park HCC Bus Stop, LBS Road, Vikhroli West, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400079. Email : pankaj.sonawane@mtcil.com, Contact : +91 7506262385 / 7738148699 (CIN – U64201MH2012PLC234316)
TENDER NOTICE
Tender NO: MTCIL/TENDER/EPC-OPGW/20 DT 05.08.2022
MTCIL is a Joint Venture Company between Sterlite Power Transmission Ltd. (SPTL) & Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Company Limited (MSETCL). It has been formed with the express objective of establishing OPGW cable-based Communication Network in Maharashtra on existing EHV transmission lines of MSETCL and will exploit the same commercially as a Telecom Infrastructure Provider.
MTCIL invites request for proposal from reputed vendors having experience of Supply & Live Line Installation, Commissioning of 48/96F OPGW and associated hardware.
Interested bidders may obtain the bid documents soft copy by sending request letter at above mentioned address and a Bid document fee of Rs. 5900/- thru RTGS/NEFT/IMPS in account of "Maharashtra Transmission Communication Infrastructure Ltd" on or before 24.08.2022, 16.00 Hrs.

Scope of Work	Tender Number	Qty KM	Date of Pre-bid Conference	Last date of seeking clarifications	Last date of Bid Submission
Supply & Live Line Installation and Commissioning of 48/96F OPGW	MTCIL/ TENDER/ EPC-OPGW/20	2000	12.08.22 11.00 Hrs	12.08.22 18.00 Hrs	26.08.22 14.00 Hrs

Mumbai
5th Aug 2022 — Project Head

NETAJI SUBHAS UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY(NSUT)
(FORMERLY NETAJI SUBHAS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY)
Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Azad Hind Fauz Marg, Sector-3, Dwarka, New Delhi-110078.

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NOTICE for Spot Round Admissions in M.A. & M.Sc. 2022-23

Online applications are invited for spot round admissions to the following courses:
1. M.A. English Literature, Language & Communication
2. M.Sc.Physics
3. M.Sc.Mathematics
The entrance tests for admissions will be conducted on Sunday, 21st August, 2022.
Admissions will be held on Tuesday, 23rd August, 2022.
Please visit http://www.nsut.ac.in for complete information about admissions and online application process.
If seats remain vacant, a special spot round may also be conducted,the details of which will be available on the http://www.nsut.ac.in.

Chairman, Admission Committee
DIP/Shabdarth/0272/22-23

UDAIPUR SMART CITY LIMITED
Nit No.: USCL/2021-23/02 Date:- 28.07.2022
Short Term Notice Inviting Bid
Bid for 1 Works Rs. 306.21 Lac of Procurement, invited from interested bidders upto 17.08.2022 at 6.55PM. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state
UBN No. UNP2223SLOB00075
Raj.Samwad/C/22/5802
Chief Executive Officer
Udaipur Smart City Limited

कार्यालय नगरपालिका नाथद्वारा, जिला–राजसमन्द(राज.)
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क्रमांक : न.पा.नाथ./निर्माण/22/14600 दिनांक : 01.08.2022
निविदा निरस्त सूचना
एतदर्थ सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि नगरपालिका द्वारा वित्तीय वर्ष 2022–23 में पालिका पत्रांक न.पा.नाथ./निर्माण/22/13229–13231 दिनांक 29.06.2022 से जारी निविदा सूचना सं0 13/2022–23 में वर्णित कार्यों की निविदा प्राप्त नहीं के कारण तुरन्त प्रभाव से निरस्त किया जाता है। उक्त कार्य की निविदा सूचना पृथक से जारी की जावेगी।
Raj.Samwad/C/22/5914 आयुक्त

Dr. NTR UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES: A.P
VIJAYAWADA
No. 07/We/TS/DM2/22 **TENDER NOTICE** Date : 03.08.2022
Sealed Tenders are invited for the following work at Dr. NTR University of Health Sciences, Vijayawada.

Sl.No	Name of the work
1	Scanning and Computer-Based Evaluation of Subjective Answer Booklets for Dr. NTR UHS, Vijayawada

Note: For further details visit www.apeprocurement.gov.in
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REGISTRAR(FAC)

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(A wholly owned Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
(CIN: U04010KA2002SGC030438)
Short-term Notice Inviting Tender (NIT)
(Through e-Procurement portal only)
BESCOM invites tender against enquiry No: BESCOM/GM-DAS/DGM-2/RMU-RTU/22-23/14 for **"Design, Test, Supply, Install (Replace), Commission and Integrate SCADA RMUs and RTUs with DAS Control Centre".**
The Bid documents can be downloaded through e-procurement portal from **08.08.2022, 17.00 Hours** onwards from the website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**
e-procurement helpdesk: +91 80 46010000, +91 80 22631200 or e-mail: **support@ihelpdesk.com**
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JAIPUR DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Indira Circle, Jawaharlal Nehru Marg, Jaipur-302004
No. : JDA/EE(T.W.-II)/2022/D-370 Dated : 29.07.2022
CORRIGENDUM
The following amendments have been made in Tender Notice No. **EE(TW-II)/01/22-23** dated **20.07.2022** for the work **"Traffic Improvement and Beautification and Beautification work at OTS Crossing, JLN Marg, JDA Jaipur (Construction of suspended bridge, Traffic Island, Rotaries, Underground Art Gallery, Pedestrian Pathway, Sculpture, Fountation, Improvement of existing drainage system and road surface etc.) on Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC)"** by the Executive Engineer (Traffic Work-II)

S.No.	Details	Previous Dates	Amended Dates
1.	Start/Last Date for Bid Download/ Upload/Submission of Bid Security	01.08.2022 to 30.08.2022	12.08.2022 to 12.09.2022
2.	Last date for submission of Bank Guarantee of bid security (Physically)	02.09.2022	15.09.2022
3.	Date of Pre-Bid Meeting	16.08.2022	25.08.2022
4.	Bid Opening Date	06.09.2022	16.09.2022

Other terms and conditions of the bid will remain same.
कमांक संख्या:/PR/5752/2022-23
Executive Engineer (Traffic Work-II)

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
MATERIALS MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT
AUCTION PROGRAMME
NOTICE NO:09/2022
e-Auction will be conducted for disposal of Ferrous scrap, Non-Ferrous scrap, other Misc Scrap, condemned Wagon, Coaches & Locos, Scrap Rails and other Permanent Way scrap material.

Sl. No.	e-auction conducted by	Date of auction for the Month of September 2022			Materials for auction
1	GSD/PER	01.09.22	09.09.22	20.09.22	The details of item to be sold in e-auction will be available in catalogue in www.ireps.gov.in website.
2	CSSD/GOC	02.09.22	12.09.22	21.09.22	
3	SSD/PTJ	02.09.22	-	22.09.22	
4	MAS Division	05.09.22	13.09.22	23.09.22	
5	SA Division	05.09.22	13.09.22	23.09.22	
6	TVC Division	06.09.22	16.09.22	26.09.22	
7	PGT Division	06.09.22	16.09.22	26.09.22	
8	TPJ Division	07.09.22	19.09.22	27.09.22	
9	MDU Division	07.09.22	19.09.22	27.09.22	

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Pasmanda leaders weigh Modi's call

The Prime Minister has urged BJP cadre to work for the uplift of the marginalised Muslims

ZIYA US SALAM
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call to the BJP cadre to work for the uplift of the marginalised or Pasmanda Muslims has set off hectic activity among the community's leaders. Many of them are willing to give the BJP a chance, though some want the Prime Minister's words to be backed up by action. Door-to-door campaigns, *padayatras* across Uttar Pradesh and Bihar districts and seminars are all being used as tools for possible amelioration.

Hoping for better employment opportunities and social mobility for those lagging behind among the Muslim community, the Pasmanda leaders feel Mr. Modi's call to embrace low caste Muslims should be taken seriously. They stress that though there is no caste system in Islam, there is definite caste differentiation among Indian Muslims.

I believe it is not sufficient for Pasmanda Muslims alone to speak up. All Pasmanda (economically backward) people cutting across religions suffer from the same problems. That is why I gave the slogan, 'Dalit Pichhada ek saman, Hindu ho ya Musalman
ALI ANWAR ANSARI
Pasmanda leader

Many Pasmanda leaders of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Jharkhand have taken to door-to-door campaigns to create awareness among the community. A silent churning is going on in the region. Sabir Ali, former JD(U) MP whose first alliance with the BJP in 2014 lasted merely 24 hours, says, "More than 40 Pasmanda communities live in Bihar, Bengal, Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh. For four generations, their economic condition has not improved. The challenge is to create awareness among them about the opportunities coming their way."

Mr. Ali plans to cover 137 districts of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar-Jharkhand over the next year, meeting Pasmanda Muslims.

'Against discrimination'

Another seasoned Pasmanda leader Ali Anwar Ansari is busy doing likewise. "I did not start my awareness campaign after the Prime Minister's call. I have been doing it since 1998. I believe it is not sufficient for Pasmanda Muslims alone to speak up. All Pasmanda (economically backward) people cutting across religions suffer from the same problems. That is why, I gave the slogan, '*Dalit Pichhada ek saman, Hindu ho ya Musalman*' (Dalit-Backward are alike, be they Hindu or Muslim). We do not follow Owaisi's policies. We are against all communalism and discrimination."

Mr. Ansari has already addressed conferences on the subject in Patna and Mumbai. "I organised a meeting in Patna. After that, the Prime Minister talked of taking the Pasmanda Muslims along. We held a meeting in Madhepura too where Hindu and Muslim backward communities came on the same platform. We plan similar meets in Lucknow and Delhi." Mr. Ansari is also writing to the Opposition leaders, asking them to state "their stand on the subject".

Among the foremost *Pasmanda* leaders, Mr. Ansari feels mere words are not sufficient. "If the Prime Minister is serious, then he should put a full stop to lynching of Muslim men. Most victims are *Pasmanda*. All the attacks in the name of *gauraksha* should stop. *Love Jehad* attacks should stop. And attacks on *namaz* in the open should stop. A well-off Muslim does not pray in the park or road. It is the poor, the *Pasmanda* who pray in the park and are attacked there."

Jamiat Ulama-e-Hind plans to establish a think tank of *Pasmanda* community members. It is alleged that most members of the prominent Muslim bodies like the Jamiat and Jamaat-e-Islami are from the *Ashraf* or upper castes.

'Hi-tech radicals turning Assam into Islamist hub'

Five modules of Islamist group busted: Assam CM

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GUWAHATI

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said on Thursday that busting of at least five modules of a Bangladesh-based Islamist fundamentalist group since March indicated that technology-savvy foreign trainers were threatening to turn the State into an Islamist hub.

Himanta Biswa Sarma

"Technology-savvy foreign trainers who 'blend in' are threatening to turn Assam into an Islamist hub," he said.

"The degree of sophistication in the communication technology and brainwashing methods used by such trainers, masquerading as imams of mosques or teachers of madrassas, came to light after the police busted at least five modules of a Bangladesh-based fundamentalist group since March," the Chief Minister said.

"The five modules are of the Ansarul Bangladesh Team (ABT), a banned outfit in Bangladesh and an affiliate of the Al-Qaeda in Indian Subcontinent (AQIS) that is trying to spread jihad across India," Mr. Sarma told presspersons.

He said Mohammed Suman, a resident of Narayanganj in Bangladesh, had illegally entered Assam through the India-Bangladesh border in West Bengal and settled in Barpeta district in 2018. He married a local woman, joined a private Islamic academy as an Arabic teacher and became an imam of a mosque at Howly in Barpeta.

"Apart from Mohammed Suman, a Bangladesh national and a key accused in the radicalisation of local youth, we have arrested several people from four districts. Literature encouraging jihad and other material is becoming a networking hub of Islamists," he said.

Mr. Sarma said the police have identified five more Bangladeshi nationals who had illegally entered Assam in 2016-17 and they are at large.

ICMR starts new initiative in northeast

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has inaugurated the Food-borne Pathogen Survey Network (ICMR-FoodNet) in Northeast India. It is the beginning of a unique public health initiative in the region, the Council said on Thursday.

The integrated task force coordinates project-based activity campaigns, monitors food-borne enteric disease outbreaks, and conducts intensified systematic laboratory-based surveillance in four northeastern States, in collaboration with research and medical institutions and food sectors.

Subscribers say there is surplus money in EPS

Supreme Court informed that interest earnings are more than what is paid as monthly pension

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI

Employees and pensioners in the Supreme Court on Thursday tore into the controversial amendments on "determination of pensionable salary" introduced into the Employees Pension Scheme (EPS) of 1995.

Appearing before a Bench led by Justice U.U. Lalit, senior advocate Jayant Muth Raj, appearing for employees of Kerala district cooperatives, trashed the claims made by the Centre and the Employees Provident Funds Organisation (EPFO) in court that the EPS-1995 was facing "huge financial difficulties".

"There is surplus money in the scheme. Whatever they (government and EPFO) are earning as interest is more than what they are paying as monthly pension," Mr. Muth Raj submitted.

Mr. Muth Raj said the dispute revolved around the controversial amendments made to Clause 11(3) of the EPS-1995. The changes introduced in the scheme had forced pensioners and employees from all walks of life to move to court, apprehensive that the amendments have dashed their hopes of a secure retirement. The Kerala High Court had struck down the amendments, following which the EPFO had appealed in the Supreme Court.

Mr. Muth Raj drew the court's attention to how the

Salaries were highest during the last year before retirement. •GETTY IMAGES

pensionable salary was an average of 12 months' pay before the date of the employee's exit from the EPS. The amendments had extended the period of calculation of average salary from 12 months to 60 months. "This is detrimental to the interests of the employees and takes away their vested right to a decent pension," he argued.

He added that salaries were usually the highest during the last year before retirement. An extension of the period of calculation of average pensionable salary from 12 to 60 months would see a corresponding depletion in the pension, he contended. "There would be 40% difference in the salary and at least 20% change in the pension," he submitted.

On the increase in the maximum pensionable salary cap from ₹6,500 to ₹15,000, Mr. Muth Raj pointed out that the amendments said only employees, who were existing EPS members as on September 1, 2014 could continue to contribute to the pension fund in accordance with their actual salaries. They were given a window of six months to opt for the new pension regime.

However, the changed pension regime introduced through the amendments meant that someone who became an EPS member after September 1, 2014 would not get pension on par with his or her actual salary.

Mr. Muth Raj trained the spotlight on how the amendments create an additional obligation for employees whose salaries exceeded the ₹15,000 ceiling. He said they had to contribute 1.16% of their salary in addition to their EPF contribution.

Court extends Raut's ED custody till Aug. 8

Sena MP's wife summoned in case

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

A Special Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) court on Thursday extended Shiv Sena MP Sanjay Raut's Enforcement Directorate (ED) custody till August 8 in the 2018 *chawl* redevelopment case. The agency summoned Mr. Raut's wife, Varsha, to record her statement.

ED's counsel Hiten Venegavkar told the court that Mr. Raut had been evasive in his replies and his custody was needed to investigate details of bank accounts of unrelated people to whom money was transferred from his wife's account. He said the entire money trail was found to be of ₹1.08 crore with an additional ₹1.17 crore.

Senior advocate Manoj Mohite, appearing for Mr. Raut, said a thorough investigation had been done and his statement had been recorded before his arrest.

The court recorded in its order, "It is a fact that the money trail of ₹1.17 crore and ₹1.08 crore did not come before the court. Some more amount has been revealed by the ED along with bank statements. We are of the opinion that there is legitimate progress and certain facts need to be probed by summoning witnesses and confronting the accused."

Kuldeep Bishnoi and wife Renuka join BJP

He was expelled by Congress for voting for BJP in the recent Rajya Sabha election

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Former Haryana Congress leader Kuldeep Bishnoi and wife, Renuka Bishnoi, joined the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) at the party's national headquarters in New Delhi on August 4, after having quit as MLA in the Haryana Assembly the previous day. Mr. Bishnoi joined the BJP in the presence of Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and BJP national general secretary Arun Singh.

An MLA for four terms and an MP for two terms, Mr. Bishnoi lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi as the "best" Indian Prime Minister and praised Mr. Khattar for keeping a "spotless" reputation despite being Chief Minister for over eight years.

Kuldeep Bishnoi and wife Renuka with Haryana CM Manohar Lal at the BJP's headquarters. •SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

The move by Mr. Bishnoi of joining the BJP was anticipated after he was expelled by the Congress for voting for the BJP in the recent Rajya Sabha polls. Ms. Renuka Bishnoi, who joined the BJP along with her husband, is a former MLA.

"I wanted to join the BJP for a long time now, still I wanted to give the Congress one more chance as I had been a Congressman for a long time. What can one do if the Congress is in a self-destruct mode?" said Mr. Bishnoi.

Incidentally, Mr. Bishnoi had also headed the Haryana Janhit Party (HJP) founded by former Chief Minister of the State Bhajan Lal (Mr. Bishnoi's father) and had a three year alliance with the BJP that ended just before the 2014 Assembly polls.

CUET-UG rescheduled due to glitches

NTA cancelled the afternoon shift test across all centres due to technical issues

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The first day of the second phase of the Common University Entrance Exam (CUET) for undergraduate admissions was off to a rocky start with the National Testing Agency (NTA) forced to cancel the exam to be held in the second shift on Thursday across all centres, following technical problems.

The exam is being conducted in two phases – first phase was from July 15 to 20, and the second from August 4 to 20. The exam is conducted in two shifts – morning and afternoon.

In a public notice, the NTA said that it was rescheduling the exam in the afternoon shift across all 489 centres and the exam will now be conducted between August 12 and 14.

Students who appeared for the Common University Entrance Test-Undergraduate, in New Delhi. •PTI

The afternoon shift exam was being cancelled due to the delay in uploading the question paper, according to the NTA.

While the exam was scheduled to start at 3 p.m., the paper could only be uploaded at 5 p.m., and the download could only start at 5.25 p.m.

The NTA said that it sought reports from observers and city co-ordinators on ground and took a decision to cancel the evening shift exam on the basis of their recommendations.

The morning shift exam at 28 centres in 17 States have also been rescheduled for August 12. The admit cards issued to the candidates will be valid for the re-examination too.

Earlier in the day, the NTA also rescheduled the CUET-UG exam to be held on August 4, 5 and 6 in Kerala due to heavy rains in several districts in the State.

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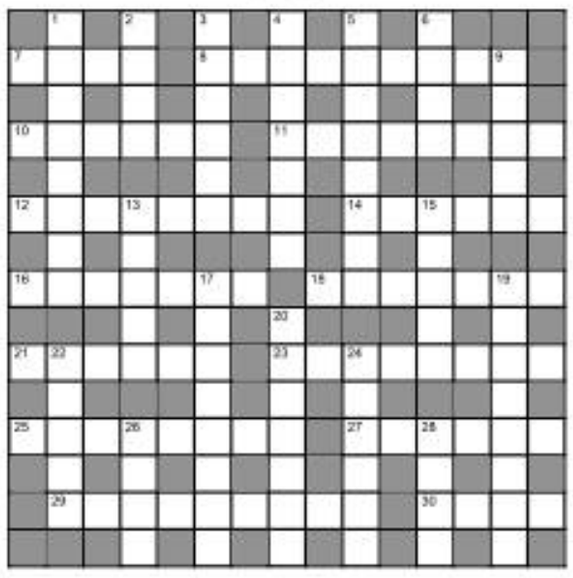

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7,8 Spaceman and alien return before crazy storm carrying a piece of rock? No good! (4,9)
10 Honourable leaders of some hospital unions in Japanese island (6)
11 One French director, after consuming asafoetida in India, becomes nutty (8)
12 West Indian bridge player Newton gets gin cocktail with some small earnings from gambling (8)
14 The Spanish First Lady gets direction one hour before noon (6)
16 One kind of communist and Chinese president's in shop (7)
18 Wildly stare about a couple of girls and reel (7)
21 Egyptian god holds magic stick in country (6)
23 Stone alien on railway for study of propulsion of missiles (8)
25 Guy with daughter carrying North American cocaine is restrained in shackles (8)
27 Greek god's student's in a swimming pool (6)
29 Bend tin top for making mark on 6 (9)
30 After leaving, foredeck re-arranged to make fold-able part of sail (4)

Down

1 Itinerant matinee idol's diet excluded food product made from wheat (8)
2 Salesman's drinks (4)
3 UN star travelled around ringed planet (6)
4 Urge, "Mix muesli with a hint of pepper" (7)
5 Most enthusiastic amongst litchi estates (8)
6 For starters, man often observes nightly satellite (4)
9 Birds half seen behind horse (5)
13 Forbid love with new president of the US (5)
15 Bird swallowed by beagles? (5)
17 Broadcasts SOS call about some precious clams (8)
19 Loner led astray and recruited (8)
20 Damage a red tin for exchange (5-2)
22 Steer leaves floating fresh water dock (5)
24 Pure husband's a saint in church (6)
26 "A container's returned. Over!" (4)
28 Paddles he leaves ashore by mistake? (4)

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Solution to puzzle 13626

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Unchanging Self

How have we understood the term 'Self'? Through the view of Vedanta, we understand that every living being is a blend of the subtle and the gross and that we also can learn to develop the ability to discriminate between them. In a discourse, Sri R. Rajagopala Sarma drew attention to the method of instruction of the author Vidyaranya in his work Panchadasi, which enables a clear understanding of the Self.

The acharya points out that the Self or Atma cannot be ignored or accepted. If that is so, it being a passive entity, why do you attribute love etc to it, asks the opponent. There are so many objects in the world that do not catch our attention. Why can we not just leave the atma as such? The reply is that the atma cannot come under this category because it is the Self that ignores or accepts. So how can the Self ignore itself? This is the truth. Then what about the tendency to commit suicide? Does it not confirm the fact that one who yields to dislike will reject the atma and this leads to suicide? So how can the statement that the atma cannot be rejected be true? But the acharya says that though these arguments are right, the basic fault lies in the understanding of what is rejected.

In the case of suicide, it is only the body and not the atma that one is angry about. Because this sarira cannot give him comfort anymore as when one is sick, he becomes averse to living. Even in the view of Vedanta that which deserves to be rejected is the sarira and not the atma. The terms 'deha,' 'sarira,' etc, indicate the body's perishable nature. The opponent's argument is based on the wrong perception of the atma as the body. It is the immortal atma that rejects the body mind complex.

After Taiwan, Pelosi wraps up S. Korea visit

In Seoul, she holds talks with Assembly Speaker, avoids public comments on China-Taiwan relations

ASSOCIATED PRESS
SEOUL

After infuriating China over her trip to Taiwan, U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi met South Korean political leaders in Seoul on Thursday but avoided making direct public comments on relations with Beijing and Taipei that could further increase regional tensions.

Ms. Pelosi, the first House speaker to visit Taiwan in 25 years, said on Wednesday in Taipei that the American commitment to democracy on the self-governing island and elsewhere "remains ironclad". In response, China on Thursday began military exercises in six zones surrounding Taiwan.

After visiting Taiwan, Ms. Pelosi and other members of her congressional delegation flew to South Korea – a key U.S. ally where about 28,500 American troops are deployed – on Wednesday evening, as part of an Asian tour that included earlier stops in Singapore and Malaysia.

She met South Korean National Assembly Speaker Kim Jin Pyo and other senior members of Parliament on Thursday. After that hour-long meeting, Ms. Pelosi spoke about the bilateral alliance, forged in blood during the 1950-53 Korean War, and legislative efforts to boost ties, but didn't directly mention her Taiwan visit or the Chinese protests.

"We also come to say to you that a friendship, (the) relationship that began from urgency and security, many years ago, has become the warmest of friendships," Ms. Pelosi said in a joint news conference with Mr. Kim. "We want to advance security, economy and governance in an inter-parliamentary way."

Nancy Pelosi, left, poses with Kim Jin Pyo before their meeting at the National Assembly in Seoul on Thursday. • AP

Neither Ms. Pelosi nor Mr. Kim took questions from journalists.

Mr. Kim said he and Ms. Pelosi shared concerns about North Korea's increasing nuclear threat. He said the two agreed to support their governments' push for denuclearization and peace on the Korean Peninsula based on both strong deterrence against North Korea and diplomacy.

Ms. Pelosi and her delegation later spoke by phone with South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol on the alliance, foreign policy and other issues. Mr. Yoon is on vacation this week, but critics accuse him of intentionally shunning a face-to-face meeting with Ms. Pelosi in consideration of ties with China, South Korea's biggest trading partner. Mr. Yoon's office said it had reviewed national interests and that Mr. Yoon's vacation plan had already been set up when, about two weeks ago, Pelosi's side contacted his office about a possible meeting.

During the phone conversation, Ms. Pelosi and other members of her congressional delegation didn't bring up the Taiwan issue, and Mr. Yoon also didn't raise the matter, his office said.

In recent years, South Korea has been struggling to strike a balance between the U.S. and China as their rivalry has deepened. Mr. Yoon, a conservative, took office in May with a vow to boost South Korea's military alliance with the U.S. and take a tougher line on North Korean provocations.

Sri Lanka firmly committed to One China policy: Ranil

Countries must 'refrain from provocations', President says

MEERA SRINIVASAN
COLOMBO

Sri Lanka's President Ranil Wickremesinghe on Thursday affirmed the island nation's commitment to the 'One China Policy' and asked countries to "refrain from provocations", in a message apparently directed to the U.S., days after House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's controversial visit to Taiwan.

In a series of tweets, Mr. Wickremesinghe said: "During a meeting with H.E. Qi Zhenghong, Ambassador of China, I reiterated Sri Lanka's firm commitment to the one-China policy, as well as to the UN Charter principles of sovereignty and territorial integrity of nations. Countries must refrain from provocations which further escalate the current global tensions. Mutual respect and non-interference in the internal affairs of countries are important foundations for peaceful cooperation and non-confrontation."

The Chinese Ambassador "discussed the manner in which the bilateral relations could be further strengthened," the President's office later said in a statement, of their meeting held Wednesday afternoon, hours after Mr. Wickremesinghe delivered his inaugural address following his election as President.

On July 20, a majority of lawmakers backed the six-time Prime Minister and senior politician for Presidency after the top office fell vacant after mass citizens' protests ousted former President Gotabaya Rajapaksa in the wake of a severe economic downturn. Ambassador Qi met Mr. Wickremesinghe on July 22 to convey a congratulatory message from Chinese President Xi Jinping, among the first world leaders to reach out to Mr. Wickremesinghe.

Mr. Wickremesinghe, in his maiden speech as President on Wednesday, highlighted Indian assistance during Sri Lanka's economic crisis, thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and regretted that traditional Sri Lanka-Japan ties had been adversely affected by the [Rajapaksa] government's opposition to Japanese projects. Notably, China found no mention in the address. He quoted a visiting Tibetan monk who had said the crisis could be solved only through unity.

Chinese vessel

The developments come even as Sri Lanka braves a deepening economic crisis and awaits International Monetary Fund (IMF) assistance for relief. The IMF has assured Sri Lanka of support, based on its success in restructuring its foreign debt with its creditors. The government has also sought bridge financing assistance from India and China to tide over the next few months, but neither partner has responded positively yet.

Meanwhile, Colombo appears to be walking a tight rope as the competing geostrategic interests of India and China come to the fore again. Earlier this week, New Delhi raised concern with President Wickremesinghe over the scheduled arrival of Yuan Wang 5 – a Chinese vessel involved in space and satellite tracking – at the southern Hambantota Port on August 11.

Bilawal stops over in Chittagong

He was received at the airport by Information Minister Hasan Mahmood

KALLOL BHATTACHERJEE
NEW DELHI

The Foreign Minister of Pakistan, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, stopped over at the Shah Amanat International Airport in Chittagong on August 3 evening on his way to Cambodia to attend the 29th Ministerial Meeting of ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF). Mr. Zardari was received at the airport by the Information Minister of Bangladesh, Hasan Mahmood.

Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari

"While flying over Bangladesh, I wish to convey my personal best wishes for Your Excellency's good health and happiness and for ever increasing prosperity of the brotherly people of Bangladesh," said Mr. Zardari in a message to his Bangladesh counterpart A.K. Abdul Momen. The stopover is significant given the chill that has defined Dhaka's relations with Islamabad during most of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's 13-year long tenure.

The two Ministers exchanged pleasantries and Mr. Mahmood, who belongs to Chittagong, gifted *The Vortex* – a book on the 1970 cyclone Bhola and the 1971 War of Liberation.

Second interaction

This is the second interaction between Bangladesh and Pakistan in the last 10 days as Deputy Foreign Minister of Pakistan Hina Rabbani Khar participated in a videoconference with Prime Minister Hasina in the July 26-27 meeting of the D-8 Organisation For Economic Cooperation, a grouping that includes Muslim majority countries – Pakistan, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Egypt, Iran, Nigeria, Malaysia and Turkey.

It was initially expected that Ms. Khar would visit Dhaka to participate in the D-8 meeting but she chose to attend the meeting virtually. Pakistan has in recent years made overtures towards Bangladesh but PM Hasina has not maintained any direct communication with the leadership in Islamabad. Wednesday's stopover at Chittagong airport was informal and Bangladesh did not issue an official statement on the visit.

'Russian shelling at bus stop kills 8'

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
KYIV

Indiscriminate Russian shelling of a bus stop on Thursday in the frontline east Ukraine town of Toretsk killed eight people and left four wounded, the regional governor said.

"According to preliminary information, there was artillery fire. They hit a public transport stop, where there was a crowd of people at that time," Pavlo Kyrylenko, head of the Ukraine-run Donetsk region administration, wrote on Telegram.

He said that there were three children among the wounded.

Taiwan decries China's military drills

REUTERS
TAIPEI

Taiwan officials have said China's military drills around the island violate United Nations rules, invade Taiwan's territorial space and are a direct challenge to free air and sea navigation.

China is conducting drills on the busiest international waterways and aviation routes and that is "irresponsible, illegitimate behaviour", Taiwan's ruling Democratic Progressive Party said. Taiwan's Cabinet spokesman, expressing serious condemnation of the drills, also said that websites of the Defence Ministry, the Foreign Ministry and the presidential office were attacked by hackers.

On Wednesday night, just hours after U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi left for South Korea, unidentified aircraft, probably drones, flew above the area of Taiwan's outlying Kinmen islands near the mainland coast, Taiwan's Defence Ministry said.

Major General Chang Zone-sung of the Army's Kinmen Defense Command said the drones came in a pair and flew into the Kinmen area twice on Wednesday night, at around 9 p.m. and 10 p.m. "We immediately fired flares to warn and to drive them away. After that, they turned around. They came into our restricted area and that's why we dispersed them," he said.

Monkeypox public health emergency: U.S.

REUTERS

U.S. President Joe Biden's administration plans to declare the monkeypox outbreak a public health emergency as soon as Thursday, the *Washington Post* reported, citing unidentified sources.

The declaration would come from Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra, who is expected to discuss the plan at an afternoon briefing, the *Post* reported.

President Biden on Aug. 2 appointed two top federal officials to coordinate his administration's response to monkeypox, following declarations of emergencies by California, Illinois and New York.

Cases have crossed 6,600 in the United States, as of Wednesday's data.

Iran nuclear talks restart in Vienna with EU mediation

Aim is to guarantee civilian nature of nuclear programme

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
VIENNA

Negotiators kicked off a fresh round of talks over Iran's nuclear programme in Vienna on Thursday, seeking to salvage the agreement on Tehran's atomic ambitions.

Officials from world powers and Iran were meeting in the Austrian capital for the first time since March, when negotiations, which began in 2021 to reintegrate the United States into the agreement, stalled.

In late June, Qatar hosted indirect talks between Tehran and Washington in the hope of getting the process back on track – but those talks failed to make a breakthrough.

In a last-ditch effort, EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell submitted a compromise proposal last month and called on the parties to accept it to avoid a "dangerous nuclear crisis".

Mr. Borrell said the draft text includes "hard-won compromises by all sides" and "addresses, in precise detail, the sanctions lifting as well as the nuclear steps needed to restore" the 2015 pact.

Bilateral talks began on Thursday at Vienna's luxury Palais Coburg hotel under the auspices of the European Union's representative Enrique Mora. The Iranian and Russian delegations, which have traditionally been close in negotiations, held a separate meeting.

Britain, China, France, Germany, Iran, Russia and the U.S. signed the JCPOA in July 2015. The Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action aims to guarantee the civilian nature of Iran's nuclear programme in exchange for a gradual lifting of sanctions.

Indefinite ceasefire will continue: TTP

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
PESHAWAR

Leaders of the banned Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) have assured a Pakistani delegation that the indefinite ceasefire will remain in force till the two sides reach an agreement to end the nearly two decades of militancy in the tribal region, bordering Afghanistan.

The Pakistan government and the TTP agreed to extend the ceasefire, which was to come to an end on the night of May 30, indefinitely on May 31. The TTP assured the Ulema-e-Karam delegation from Pakistan led by noted cleric Mufti Taqi Usmani that the ceasefire will go on amid ongoing peace talks between the two sides, sources said.

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No.:AC(E)/PR/364/22-23 Date:04.08.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION

BBMP invites quotation / proposals for Operating Vidyarthi Belaku Study Centres at selected 10 locations in BBMP limits on pilot project basis from interested NGO/ Firm/Organisations.
1) Date of Commencement of Issue of quotations to the bidders from above office : **from 05.08.2022, 11.00 a.m. onwards. 2)** Last date and time for submitting quotations to the above office address: **11.08.2022 upto 5.30 p.m. 3)** Opening of quotations / technical proposals : **12.08.2022 at 11.00 a.m.** Further details can be obtained from the undersigned office address.

Sd/- Senior Assistant Director (Education).

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(Through Electronic Procurement portal only)

Lumpsum tender for the following works are invited (two cover system) through e-Procurement from eligible Agency/ Contractors as detailed below:

Name and description of work : Design, Construction, Supply, Installation, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of 2.00MLD(IN 20 Hrs) Capacity Drinking Water Treatment Plant at Siddaganga Mutt , Construction of 5LL Cap GLSR, Providing & Laying DI Rising main & HDPE distribution system, S.E.E &C of suitable HP Pumping Machineries to provide Drinking water to Siddaganga Mutt and nearby village Maranayakanapalya in Tumakuru Taluk from Devarayanapattana Tank including Operation and Maintenance of the system during defect Liability Period after the completion of work under Deposit Contribution work of Cauvery Neeravari Nigama Limited.

Work Indent No: KUWSDB/2022-23/WS/WORK_INDENT 3198 Dtd 04-08-2022

Approximate value of work excluding GST (Rs. in Lakhs) : 624.91 Lakhs

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Period of completion including monsoon (months) : 15 months.

Calendar of Events:-

1) Documents will be available from : 06-08-2022 . 2) Last Date & Time for seeking Queries / Clarifications : 18-08-2022 upto 11.00 hours. (3) Date of Pre bid meeting : 18-08-2022 at 11.30 hours. 4) Last date and time for submission / uploading of the tender in the e-procurement portal : 05-09-2022 upto 17.30 hours. 5) Date and time for opening of Technical bid : 08-09-2022 after 11.00 hours. 6) Date and time for opening of Financial bid : 12-09-2022 after 11.00 hours.

For further details, the Office of the Chief Engineer, KUWS & D Board, Bengaluru, may please be contacted or website https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in or e-Procurement helpdesk 080-22371090 / 22373788, email support: hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com.

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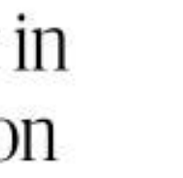

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Hon'ble Chief Minister
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Online tenders are invited on Percentage of project cost basis from the Consulting Organization / Firm / Individual qualifying the eligibility criteria as per tender document.
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S. No.	NAME OF WORK	Estimated Cost of Project (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Cost of Tender form + GST (Rs.)	Time allowed for completionin including rainy season	Eligibility Criteria	Last date & Time of Purchase and Submit Tender	Remarks
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MARKET WATCH

	04-08-2022	% CHANGE
Sensex	58,299	-0.08
US Dollar	79.40	-0.31
Gold	52,586	1.13
Brent oil	93.72	-4.75

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	807.25	0.05
Apollo Hosp	4395.80	85.75
Asian Paints	3460.50	20.85
Axis Bank	721.60	-8.90
Bajaj Auto	4011.70	8.25
Bajaj Finserv	15185.30	-58.60
Bajaj Finance	7316.65	20.30
Bharti Airtel	694.30	1.15
BPCL	333.95	0.05
Britannia Ind	3775.05	5.05
Cipla	1044.50	32.65
Coal India	207.15	-4.95
Divis Lab	3888.15	67.30
Dr Reddys Lab	4147.95	51.65
Eicher Motors	3145.80	7.60
Grasim Ind	1579.35	-7.50
HCL Tech	958.10	0.90
HDFC	2361.75	-6.65
HDFC Bank	1431.90	-1.70
HDFC Life	534.90	-0.45
Hero MotoCorp	2807.00	5.10
Hindalco	421.70	7.45
Hind Unilever	2627.95	1.60
ICICI Bank	820.25	-4.55
Indusind Bank	1050.20	-8.10
Infosys	1599.90	33.80
ITC	309.50	1.35
JSW Steel	664.35	11.55
Kotak Bank	1835.55	-15.55
M&M	1261.80	8.10
Maruti Suzuki	8966.70	7.25
Nestle India Ltd.	19850.00	484.10
NTPC	154.70	-4.95
ONGC	136.25	0.60
PowerGrid Corp	220.80	-2.80
Reliance Ind	2571.90	-34.45
SBI Life	1278.80	-4.75
State Bank	533.25	-7.60
Shree Cement	20687.90	-268.55
Sun Pharma	918.50	21.50
Tata Consumer Products Ltd.	789.25	-23.50
Tata Motors	468.90	1.10
Tata Steel	107.70	0.65
TCS	3354.95	15.45
Tech Mahindra	1056.05	3.40
Titan	2423.65	7.25
UltraTech Cement	6588.05	-14.65
UPL	731.75	0.40
Wipro	435.50	3.15

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on August 04

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	79.27	79.59
Euro	80.74	81.07
British Pound	96.35	96.75
Japanese Yen (100)	59.08	59.32
Chinese Yuan	11.73	11.78
Swiss Franc	82.58	82.92
Singapore Dollar	57.48	57.73
Canadian Dollar	61.81	62.06
Malaysian Ringitt	17.77	17.85
Australian Dollar	55.37	55.60

Source: Indian Bank

Adani Enterprises profit soars 76% to ₹468.74 cr.

NEW DELHI

Adani Enterprises on Thursday reported a 76.4% rise in consolidated profit at ₹468.74 crore for the first quarter ended June. PTI

'Inflation driving 8% of GST revenue rise'

SBI Research sees current account deficit widening to 3.7% of GDP, pegs trade deficit at 8.5% in 2022-23

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

High inflation is driving about 8% of the current surge in Goods and Services Tax revenues, and inflation-adjusted GST collections so far this year are 26% higher than pre-COVID levels, SBI Research said in a report on Thursday, suggesting this rise could be driven by higher consumption.

SBI Research also raised its current account deficit target for this year to 3.7% of GDP, projecting the trade deficit to widen to 8.5% of GDP in 2022-23. The bank's researchers attributed the entire expansion in India's trade deficit in July over June, to the dip in exports caused by government measures to control inflation, such as the windfall tax on petroleum products.

Feeding through: Even after accounting for higher inflation, GST collections remain robust, says Ghosh. •NAGARA GOPAL

GST collections have clocked over ₹1.4 lakh crore for five successive months, with July recording the second-highest revenues since the indirect tax regime's introduction at almost ₹1.49 lakh crore, 28% higher than a year earlier.

"Various reasons, including better compliance, economic recovery and higher inflation are considered as some of the factors leading to higher GST revenue," Soumya Kanti Ghosh, SBI group chief economic advisor, wrote in the report.

SBI sought to estimate inflation-adjusted revenue by deflating actual revenue with the Consumer Price Index used to measure retail inflation while excluding fuel.

"The gap between the two (actual GST revenue versus inflation-adjusted revenue) started increasing since May 2020 with a significant difference between the two since mid-2021. Currently, nearly 8% of the increase in GST revenues can be attributed to higher inflation," Mr. Ghosh noted. SBI's estimates peg inflation-adjusted GST revenue for the first four months of 2022-23 at an average of ₹1.2 lakh crore.

"This is a 26% jump in inflation adjusted GST from the pre-pandemic level at ₹95,000 crore. In simple terminology, this shows that even after accounting for higher inflation, GST collections have remained robust and this increase could be the pure consumption impact," he concluded.

'Lower than the peak'

With the record goods trade deficit of $31 billion in July, compared with the previous high of $26.2 billion in June, taking the deficit past $100 billion for the year already, the bank's researchers estimated the full-year deficit at 8.5% of GDP.

"Interestingly, this is much lower than the peak deficit of 10.7% of GDP achieved in 2012-13," Mr. Ghosh observed. "Thus, the current situation is much better than that in 2012-13," he added.

BOE raises rate by most since 1995, warns of pain

'U.K. set to enter recession in Q4, 2022'

SRIRAM LAKSHMAN
LONDON

In a bid to tame soaring inflation, the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Bank of England (BoE) on Thursday voted 8-1 to raise the U.K.'s bank rate by half a percentage point to 1.75%, marking the biggest interest rate increase since 1995.

The U.K. economy is projected to go into recession from the fourth quarter (Q4) of 2022, with GDP set to shrink in five consecutive quarters, the BoE warned. Inflation, as measured by CPI, is seen exceeding 13.4% in Q4, and remaining high through most of 2023, before falling to the 2% target level in 2024.

This is higher than the BoE's May inflation forecast, as inflationary pressures in the U.K. and Europe have risen since May.

"That largely reflects a near doubling in wholesale gas prices since May, owing to Russia's restriction of gas supplies to Europe and the risk of further curbs," the BoE said in a statement, adding that inflationary pressures are expected to dissipate eventually, with global commodity prices expected to rise no further.

"The uncertainty around the outlook is exceptionally high, especially for energy prices," BoE Governor Andrew Bailey said.

The BoE, which has a 2% inflation target, reiterated that the "MPC's remit is clear that the inflation target applies at all times".

'Enable data protection to inspire trust'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The new framework for personal data protection should consider learnings from the global implementation of data privacy laws and stakeholder views on the earlier bill, technology industry apex body Nasscom urged on Thursday.

Reacting to the withdrawal of the personal data protection bill, it said the country would be shaped in the coming decade by accelerated digitisation and policy measures that enable access and inclusion. "The key imperatives will be to operationalise the... right of privacy and enable data protection in a manner that grows trust in data-driven businesses," it said in a statement.

Spectrum allocation by Aug. 12, says Vaishnaw

'Harmonisation process done in a day'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Within days of conducting 5G auctions, the government has completed the spectrum 'harmonisation' process, paving the way for players' holdings to be streamlined within a particular band for greater efficiency, Telecom Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said.

Ashwini Vaishnaw •PTI

The spectrum harmonisation process brings together radio wave holdings within a band into one contiguous block with the consensus of all telecom service providers.

Mr. Vaishnaw told PTI that the government was on course for the timely allocation of radiowaves bought by firms (in the auction) by August 12. The process of approvals from the Committee of Secretaries had also been completed.

"In one single day, we have completed the spectrum harmonisation process, which happens after every auction," he said.

"The promise we made that we will allocate spectrum by August 12... we are on time," Mr. Vaishnaw said.

Kalyan Jewellers turns ₹108-cr. profit

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MUMBAI

Kalyan Jewellers India on Thursday reported a consolidated profit after tax (PAT) of ₹107.77 crore for the quarter ended June on the back of robust momentum in both footfalls and revenue across markets.

Kalyan Jewellers had posted a loss of ₹51.30 crore during the corresponding quarter of the previous financial year, the company said in a filing.

Revenue from operations more than doubled to ₹3,332.63 crore.

"Revenue momentum in the current quarter has remained encouraging, thus far, and we are keenly looking forward to the upcoming festive season," ED Ramesh Kalyanaraman said.

Rupee skids 25 paise on weak export, PMI data

Traders also flag U.S.-China tensions

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MUMBAI

The rupee depreciated by 25 paise to close at 79.40 against the U.S. dollar on Thursday, logging its second day of losses amid disappointing economic data and U.S.-China tensions.

Participants also stayed on the sidelines ahead of RBI's interest rate decision on Friday, traders said.

Gaurang Somaiya, forex and bullion analyst, Motilal Oswal Financial Services, said rupee volatility would remain high in the wake of rising tensions between China and U.S. following U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taiwan.

"We expect the USD-INR (spot) to quote in the range of 79.20 and 79.80 in the short-term," he added.

India's exports dipped, though marginally, for the first time in 17 months in July, while the trade deficit widened to a record $31 billion, fuelled by an over 70% rise in crude oil imports.

The Indian currency has been under immense pressure after a record high trade deficit number and a lower reading in S&P Global's Services PMI for July.

Rane Holdings net dips a tad to ₹20.6 crore

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

Rane Holdings Ltd. reported first-quarter consolidated net profit dipped marginally to ₹20.6 crore, from ₹20.7 crore in the year-earlier period, following a rise in commodity prices.

Revenue from operations jumped 57% to ₹817 crore, while total expenditure rose 47% to ₹806 crore, Rane said in a filing.

As per group aggregate performance, total revenue improved by 48% to ₹1,624 crore while profit before tax grew to ₹50 crore, from ₹27 crore.

"The group companies benefited from the favourable demand environment across market segments," CMD L. Ganesh said in a statement on Thursday.

SPORT

LIVE TELECAST

Zimbabwe vs Bangladesh: 1st ODI, FanCode, 12.45 p.m.
CWG 2022: Sony Ten 2, 3 & Six (SD & HD) & Sony LIV, 1.30 p.m. onwards.
Chess Olympiad 2022: FIDE & Chessbase India YouTube channels, 3 p.m. onwards.
Pro Kabaddi: Player auction, Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 6.30 p.m. onwards.
Netherlands vs New Zealand: 2nd T20I, FanCode, 8.30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Chelsea signs Chukwuemeka

LONDON

Chelsea has pounced on a contract stand off between Aston Villa and Carney Chukwuemeka to sign the England under-19 star for a reported fee of £20 million. "It's been quite hectic but I couldn't get Chelsea out of my head the last few days. I'm just happy and relieved that it's all done," said Chukwuemeka. AFP

Jamshedpur ropes in Dagar and Sahil

JAMSHEDPUR

Indian Super League franchise Jamshedpur FC has roped in former Gokulam Kerala FC goalkeeper Rakshit Dagar and midfielder Sheikh Sahil for the upcoming season. They have been signed till 2025, according to a statement from the club on Thursday. PTI

LIV players file lawsuit against USPGA Tour

SAN FRANCISCO

Eleven LIV Golf Series players, including Phil Mickelson and Bryson DeChambeau, filed an anti-trust lawsuit on Wednesday against the USPGA Tour. The lawsuit challenges the indefinite suspensions imposed by the PGA commissioner upon those who played in any of the Saudi-backed Tour's first three events. AFP

Maharaja Trophy launched in Mysuru

First leg of the tournament to be inaugurated on August 7

CORRESPONDENT
MYSURU

The Karnataka State Cricket Association launched the Maharaja Trophy for the KSCA T20 cricket tournament and also announced captains for the six teams at the Hotel Southern Star here on Thursday.

Kalyani Bengaluru Blasters will be led by Mayank Agarwal, Gulbarga Mystics by Manish Pandey, Mysuru Warriors by Karun Nair, Shivamogga Strikers by K. Gowtham, Mangalore United by R. Samarth and Hubli Tigers by Abhimanyu Mithun.

Speaking on the occasion, KSCA president Roger Binny said Mysuru would host the first leg of the tournament.

The prize: Sudhakar Rao, Vinay Mruthanjaya, Kitcha Sudeep, Roger Binny, Karun Nair, Pavan Ranga and Harikrishna Kumar at the launch of the Maharaja Cup in Mysuru on Thursday. •M.A. SRIRAM

The first leg will be inaugurated by Maharani Pramoda Devi Wadiyar on August 7. The Srikantadatta Narasimaraja Wadayar Platinum Jubilee University grounds would be venue for 18 matches, followed by 16 matches, including the final, at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru.

The Shriram Group is the title sponsor. The launch was attended by film star and tournament brand ambassador Kitcha Sudeep, Mysuru Warriors captain Karun Nair, Warriors owner Pavan Ranga, KSCA treasurer Vinay Mruthanjaya, KSCA Mysore Zone convenor Sudhakar Rao and KSCA Mysore Zone chairman Harikrishna Kumar.

Hendricks sets up South Africa's win

CRICKET

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
BRISTOL

Reeza Hendricks hit his fourth successive Twenty20 fifty as South Africa defeated Ireland by 21 runs in the series opener here on Wednesday.

Hendricks top-scored with 74 in a total of 211 for five and shared a third-wicket partnership of 112 with Aiden Markram (56).

Lorcan Tucker (78) and George Dockrell (43) kept Ireland in the hunt but when the two were dismissed off successive balls, hopes of victory went with them.

The scores: South Africa 211/5 in 20 overs (Reeza Hendricks 74, Aiden Markram 56) bt Ireland 190/9 in 20 overs (Lorcan Tucker 78, George Dockrell 43).

Toss: South Africa; **MoM:** Hendricks; *South Africa won by 21 runs to lead two-match series 1-0.*

Rupal, Vivek enter final

SPORTS BUREAU

Rupal Chaudhary topped her semifinal with a personal best 52.27s and entered the women's 400m final of the World Athletics Under-20 Championships at Cali, Colombia, on Wednesday.

She was the second fastest overall, behind Great Britain's Yemi Mary John (51.72s). Meanwhile, Vivek Kumar entered the men's javelin final after finishing fourth Group A and eighth overall with 69.68m.

Indian girls lose to Argentina

TENNIS

SPORTS BUREAU

The Indian team had a tough time coping with the slow clay as the girls lost 2-1 to Argentina in the positional match of the World Junior under-14 Tennis Finals in Prostejov, Czech Republic,, on Thursday.

Argentina won the two singles matches, dropping seven games in all, and then conceded the doubles.

The results:

Position 9-16: Argentina bt India 2-1 (Lara Quaglia bt Sohini Mohanty 7-5, 6-1; Luna Cinalli bt Aishwarya Jadhav 6-1, 6-0; Sol Larraya Gudi & Lara lost to Aishwarya & Sohini w.o.).

Group-C: Egypt bt India 2-1 (Farah Hassan Asaad bt Sai Janvi 6-3, 2-6, 6-3; Judy Mohammed Tawila bt Aishwarya Jadhav 6-2, 6-1; Judy & Rana Yasser lost to Aishwarya & Sohini Mohanty 3-6, 2-6).

Turf battle at Sree Kanteerava Stadium erupts again

Athletes complain that they were being stopped from using the ground for practice

GENERAL

N. SUDARSHAN
BENGALURU

The long-running battle over access to the field area at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium erupted again, with track and field athletes complaining that they were being stopped from using it for throws and warm-ups.

The Department of Youth Empowerment & Sports (DYES), Govt. of Karnataka, is relaying the turf and has also denied permission to the Karnataka Athletics Association (KAA) to conduct 'Javelin Throw Championship' in the main field area (within the 400m track) this Sunday.

KAA's tough stant

"They have asked us to use the 200m track area. But we will conduct it in the main area, come what may," said A. Rajavelu, Hon. Secretary, KAA, on Thursday.

There is fear that the turf is being spruced up in anticipation of the return of Indian Super League football – after two editions in a bio-bubble – where Bengaluru FC plays its home games at the Stadium.

The use of Kanteerava Stadium for football has long been a bone of contention and, back in February, Karnataka sports minister K.C. Narayana Gowda had publicly announced that the Stadium would no longer be used for football. "This stadium is for athletics and we should be given preference," said Rajavelu. "There is the State Championship coming up at the end of the month and we have to select teams for Open Nationals and National Games. It will be unacceptable if our practice is affected."

Make over: The ground at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium being spruced up ahead of the upcoming sports season. •K. MURALI KUMAR

N.R. Ramesh, an athletics coach, believes that such restrictions at a time when India was doing well internationally in the discipline is disheartening.

"The 200m track area is for warm-ups and we can't do much there," he said. "They are not even allowing children to jog on the pitch and, as a result, the track area is always crowded and nobody is able to practise properly."

"We are not against football," Ramesh added. "But there should be no hindrance while we practise. We athletes need the area only in the mornings and evenings. Rest of the time anybody can use it."

However, M.S. Ramesh, Joint-Director, DYES denied that the work at the Stadium was football specific and insisted that it was for "general up-keep."

But he did not close the door on the conduct of football matches – contrary to the sports minister's public stance – saying that the Stadium can be let out "according to official procedure".

Tejaswin bags high jump bronze, a first for India

Olympic champion Thompson-Herah wins women's 100m gold; Omanyala becomes the first Kenyan to win men's 100m

BIRMINGHAM 2022 commonwealth games

Creditable show: Tejaswin on way to winning the high jump bronze while Omanyala and Thompson-Herah emerged the fastest man and woman. •AFP

SANTADEEP DEY
BIRMINGHAM

Tejaswin Shankar made India proud on Wednesday, fetching the country's first Commonwealth Games high jump medal – a bronze.

Tejaswin had unfinished business at the Games, still being haunted by his sixth-place finish at the 2018 Gold Coast Games.

Obstacle race

Tejaswin's ride to Birmingham had been riddled with potholes. He had to catch the opening ceremony from his home as his visa arrived only a day after the event.

Though he had achieved the Games qualification standard of 2.27m at the NCAA Championships in Oregon on June 12, his name was excluded from the squad for missing out on the senior inter-State athletics championships in Chennai, the final selection trial for CWG 2022.

After a favourable verdict from the Delhi High Court and some last-minute drama, the Indian Olympic Association finally got the nod for his participation barely five days before the high jump event.

His first attempt at 2.10m was nervy, the bar stayed in place despite a mild contact. At 2.15, after getting the crowd behind him, Tejaswin had a breezy landing. At 2.22, the field had thinned out. Tejaswin had Hamish Kerr (from first attempt), Brandon Starc (from second attempt) and Donald Thomas for company.

The crowd was still egging the Indian on.

Countback rule

Tejaswin faltered for the first time at 2.25. After another failed attempt, he passed his last attempt to go for 2.28m. On countback rule, Shankar was already assured of the bronze. Kerr grabbed the gold as Shankar and Starc failed to make their jumps.

Tejaswin, who has recently started dabbling in decathlon, wants to train harder and somehow make the cut for the Asian Games next year.

Elsewhere, Jamaican sprint star Elaine Thompson-Herah eased the pain of a disappointing World Championships by sprinting to 100m victory at the Commonwealth Games. Also, Ferdinand Omanyala became the first Kenyan to win the men's 100m title, in 10.02s.

The results:

Men: 100m: 1. Ferdinand Omanyala (Ken) 10.02s; 2. Akani Simbine (RSA) 10.13s; 3. Yukun Abeykoon (SL) 10.14s.

High jump: 1. Hamish Kerr (NZ) 2.25m; 2. Brandon Starc (Aus) 2.25m; 3. Tejaswin Shankar (Ind) 2.22m.

Women: 100m: 1. Elaine Thompson-Herah (Jam) 10.95s; 2. Julien Alfred (LCA) 11.01s; 3. Daryll Neita (Eng) 11.07s.

10000m: 1. Eilish McColgan (Sco) 30:48.60s **(GR)**; 2. Irine Chepet Cheptai (Ken) 30:49.52s; 3. Sheila Chepkirui Kiprotich (Ken) 31:09.46s.

Shot put: 1. Sarah Mitton (Can) 19.03m; 2. Daniel Thomas-Dodd (Jam) 18.98m; 3. Maddison-Lee Wesche (NZ) 18.84m.

Heptathlon: 1. Katarina Johnson-Thompson (Eng) 6377 pts; 2. Kate O'Connor (NIR) 6233; 3. Jade O'Dowda (Eng) 6212.

Sound strategy brings Tejaswin historic medal

Says he did not carry any 'baggage'

STAN RAYAN

Tejaswin. •PTI

With the AFI closing its doors on him and the High Court making the big moves for his inclusion in the Indian team, Tejaswin Shankar may have faced a lot of bitterness before going to the Commonwealth Games, but he did not carry the negative thoughts to Birmingham.

"Very early on, you learn in sport to learn from adversity, to adapt and to overcome. Once I landed in Birmingham, I didn't have any 'baggage', the only goal I had was to give my best," said Tejaswin, the first Indian high jumper to win a Commonwealth Games medal, in an interaction with select media on Thursday.

"The only thought I had was how to make the most of the three days I had (in Birmingham) and I was able to observe the weather pattern. Usually by 7 or 8 p.m., the weather starts to cool down significantly and that's when our final was. That's the adjustment I made," explained the 23-year-old who opened India's medal tally in athletics with his bronze on Wednesday night.

"Initially, in the low bars, I needed to make sure that I did not have any miss because that would definitely come and bite me later on in the competition,

"That's where I was able to get an edge over an experienced campaigner like Donald Thomas. He had some extra misses in the lower height and I knew that as it got colder, everybody would start stiffening up," said Tejaswin who was tied with Thomas at 2.22m but won the bronze with his clean sheet with earlier heights.

Amit swats aside Mulligan's challenge

Sagar and Jaismine too join Nikhat, Nitu and Hussamuddin in medal bracket

SANTADEEP DEY
BIRMINGHAM

Crunch time: Panghal catches Mulligan off guard in their quarterfinal bout. •GETTY IMAGES

World championships silver medallist Amit Panghal, Asian bronze medallist Jaismine Lamboria and rookie Sagar Ahlawat booked berths in the semifinals as India secured three more boxing medals in the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham on Thursday, joining Nikhat Zareen, Nitu Ganghas and Mohd Hussamudin.

Facile win

Amit outsmarted Scotland's Lennon Mulligan 5-0 in a 51kg quarterfinal contest.

Jaismine, who got a bye into the last-eight, saw off gritty New Zealander Troy Garton 4-1 in a 60kg bout.

Sagar upset Commonwealth Games bronze medallist Keddy Agnes of Seychelles 5-0 in a +92kg duel.

Amit displayed another fine example of high quality counter-punching to tame the spirited Mulligan.

Backed by his excellent footwork and marvellous defending skills, Amit landed superb head and body shots on his opponent and led in the first round.

Even as Mulligan showed more aggression, Amit retained his composure and delivered well-directed punches in the second round.

Amit's quick combinations followed by a solid left brought a standing count for Mulligan in the final round and sealed the fate of the contest.

Amit will take on Zambian Olympian Patrick Chinyemba.

Southpaw Jaismine used her long reach and footwork to execute her counters well and beat a feisty Troy.

She will meet England's former World youth champion Gemma Richardson.

Taller southpaw Sagar threw some heavy blows to keep the stocky Agnes in check. Sagar's precise punches inflicted a count each on his experienced rival in second and third rounds. He will face Nigerian Ifeanyi Onyekwere.

Lovlina exits

In a 70kg last-eight match on Wednesday night, Olympics bronze medallist Lovlina Borgohain was handed a shock 3-2 defeat by Wales' Rosie Eccles. Lovlina won the first two rounds but lost the advantage when she was handed a one point penalty for holding her opponent in the second round.

Ashish Kumar was beaten 4-1 by England's Aaron Bowen in a 80kg quarterfinal bout.

India moves into the hockey semifinals

Harmanpreet's hat-trick hands the men a 4-1 win over Wales

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BIRMINGHAM

The star: Harmanpreet converted two penalty corners and scored one from the spot in India's win. •AP

Vice-captain Harmanpreet Singh slammed a hat-trick as the Indian men's hockey team beat Wales 4-1 in its final Pool B match to qualify for the semifinals of the Commonwealth Games here on Thursday.

Harmanpreet (19th, 20th, 40th minutes) converted two penalty corners and scored one from the spot while Gurjant Singh struck a field goal in the 49th minute for India.

Wales' lone goal was scored by drag-flicker Gareth Furlong in the 55th minute from a set piece.

After the win, India was on course to top Pool B as it enjoys a goal difference of 22 over England, which still has a match against Canada.

The Indians had the better share of possession in the first two quarters, but Wales gave a tough fight to its fancied opponents, especially in the first 15 minutes.

India relied on quick inter-passing game and made a few circle penetrations, but failed to create any clear cut chance, barring a penalty corner in the eighth minute, which Varun Kumar failed to utilise.

Wales also made some circle entries inside the Indian D and its best chance came when an unmarked Carlson's shot was saved by an onrushing Sreejesh from a one-on-one situation.

After a barren first quarter, India secured back-to-back penalty corners in the 18th minute, the second of which was put into goal by the ever-reliable Harmanpreet with a low powerful grounded flick.

A minute later, India secured another penalty corner and Harmanpreet exhibited his bagful of tricks with another perfect conversion to hand his side a 2-0 lead at half-time.

Two minutes after the change of ends, India secured itd fifth penalty corner but wasted the chance.

In the 40th minute, the Tokyo Olympics bronze medallist earned back-to-back penalty corners, the second of which resulted in a penalty stroke, and Harmanpreet made no mistake from the spot.

Minutes later, Akashdeep Singh's deflection from a close range was kept out by Wales goalkeeper Tobias Reynolds-Cotterill.

An agile Gurjant made the scoreline 4-0 two minutes later as he perfectly turned the face of his stick to deflect in Samsher Singh's high pass.

Wales then secured two penalty corners in quick time and Furlong made use of the second opportunity.

India mauls Barbados, enters the semifinals

Renuka bowls team to 100-run win; Jemimah, Shafali shine with the bat

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BIRMINGHAM

Renuka Singh. •GETTY IMAGES

Medium-pacer Renuka Singh ran through the top-order with a four-wicket haul for India to beat Barbados by 100 runs and qualify for the semifinals of the women's T20 cricket at the Commonwealth Games here on Wednesday.

Asked to bat, India posted 162 for four on the back of a fine unbeaten half-century from Jemimah Rodrigues (56 n.o., 46b) and a 26-ball 43 from opener Shafali Verma.

The Indians then restricted Barbados to 62 for eight in 20 overs.

Captain Harmanpreet Kaur, Sneh Rana, Meghna Singh and Radha Yadav chipped in with a wicket apiece.

Kyshona Knight was the top-scorer for Barbados with 16 while Shakera Selman made 12. Seven of their batters failed to reach double digits.

With the win, India finished second behind Australia in Group A with four points from two wins. The semifinals will be played on Saturday.

Renuka struck off the third ball of the Barbados innings, removing opener Deandra Dottin for a duck. She then dismissed captain Hayley Matthews (9), Kycia Knight (3) and Aaliyah Alleyne (0) in quick succession to reduce Barbados to 19 for four in nine overs.

Earlier, opener Smriti Mandhana fell cheaply, but Shafali and Jemimah stitched a 71-run stand for the second wicket to prop up the innings.

India was, however, in a spot of bother as captain Harmanpreet (0) departed just three balls after Shafali. But a 70-run partnership between Jemimah and Deepti Sharma (34 n.o.) for the unbroken fifth wicket took India to a good total.

The scores: India 162/4 in 20 overs (Jemimah Rodrigues 56 n.o., Shafali Verma 43) bt Barbados 62/8 in 20 overs (Renuka Singh 4/10).

Anahat and Sunayna through

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
BIRMINGHAM

Teenager Anahat Singh and Sunayna Kuruvilla put up an impressive performance to reach the women's doubles second round of the squash competition at the Commonwealth Games, here on Thursday.

Anahat and Sunayna, who both are featuring in CWG for the first time, beat Yeheni Kuruppu and Chanithma Sinaly from Sri Lanka 11-9 11-4 in the round of 32 contest.

The 14-year-old Anahat, who also won a round in the women's singles, hit some crisp winners in the match.

Supporting the Indian duo was India's top player Dipika Pallikal.

Abhay Singh and Velavan Senthilkumar also recorded a straight game win over Luca Reich and Joe Chapman of the British Virgin Islands to enter the men's doubles second round.

The mixed doubles duo of Joshna Chinappa and Harinderpal Sandhu, however, suffered an 8-11, 9-11 defeat in its round of 16 match against Australia's Donna Lobban and Cameron Pilley.

Anahat. •GETTY IMAGES

Sreeja, Manika and Reeth advance

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BIRMINGHAM

Sreeja Akula, Manika Batra and Reeth Rishya entered the women's singles pre-quarterfinals with contrasting wins in the table tennis event of the Commonwealth Games here on Thursday.

While Sreeja beat Malaysia's Karen Lyne 12-10, 12-10, 4-11, 11-8, 11-8, Manika notched up a 11-5, 11-2, 11-7 win over Canada's Fu Ching Nam and Reeth defeated England's Charlotte Bardsley 4-1 in the round of 32.

Lyne had stunned defending champion Manika in the team event here as India lost in the quarterfinals.

Reeth outwitted Charlotte 11-8, 10-12, 11-6, 12-10, 11-3 in the round of 32.

The Indian mixed pair of Sanil Shetty and Reeth Tennison went down to the Malaysian pair of Wong Qi Shen and Tee Ai Xin 6-11, 10-12, 13-11, 11-8, 8-11 in round-of-64.

In para table tennis, Bhavina Patel cruised to a 3-0 win over Akanisi Latu of Fiji in a class 3-5 group match.

TOP INDIAN PICKS

A look at some of the Indian players/teams who will be in action on Friday:

Athletics: Women: 100m hurdles (heats): Y. Jyothi (3.05 p.m.); Long jump (qualifying): Ancy Sojan (4.10 p.m.). 200m (semifinals): Hima Das (12.50 a.m., August 6). Men: 4x400m relay (heats), 4.15 p.m.

Hockey: Women (semifinals): vs. Aus. (12.45 a.m., Aug. 6).

Squash: Men's doubles (round-of-16): Velavan/Abhay vs. Kempsell/Clyne (5.15 p.m.). Mixed doubles (quarterfinals): Dipika/Saurav vs. Grinham/Alexander (12 a.m., August 6).

Table tennis: Mixed doubles (round-of-16): Sharath Kamal/Sreeja vs. Leong/Ho (2 p.m.); Sathiyan/Manika vs. Omotayo/Ojomu (2 p.m.).

Grapplers girded to continue supremacy

India had won 12 medals, including five golds, in Gold Coast

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Vinesh with the gold in 2018. •GETTY IMAGES

As the Indian wrestlers are all set to take the mat in Birmingham to resume their supremacy in the Commonwealth Games, one is compelled to ask: "How many gold medals this time?"

Superpower India had won 12 medals, including five golds, covering all categories in Gold Coast four years ago. This time, a star-studded Indian side will look to improve its performance while retaining its top spot.

Worlds and Olympics medallist Bajrang Punia (65kg), Worlds medallist Vinesh Phogat (53kg), Olympics medallist Sakshi Malik (62kg) and Asian champion Divya Kakran (68kg) will be keen to continue their success stories.

Medals table

Country	G	S	B	T
Australia	48	39	39	126
England	41	41	30	112
Canada	16	20	21	57
New Zealand	16	10	11	37
Scotland	7	8	17	32
South Africa	6	7	7	20
India	5	6	7	18

Going for a third

Bajrang, Vinesh and Sakshi are going for their third successive medal. Vinesh, who has recovered from an elbow surgery, will seek to match Sushil Kumar's feat of winning three golds on the trot and redeem some pride after her forgettable showing at the Olympics.

Bajrang, who medalled in Tokyo in spite of carrying a knee injury and was injured again post Olympics, trained in the USA in the run-up to the Commonwealth Games. He is expected to showcase his aggressive game again while trying to keep his title.

A gold will complete Sakshi's collection of Games medals and will help her make an impact after the 2016 Olympics. Divya, too, will be interested in changing the colour of her bronze.

While Worlds silver medallist Anshu Malik (57kg) will eye her first Games medal, talented girls Pooja Gehlot (50kg) and Pooja Sihag (76kg) will hope to make their mark.

Among the men, Worlds and Olympics medallist Ravi Dahiya (57kg) will be the hot favourite in his category. Deepak Punia (86kg) will also be a gold medal aspirant. Naveen (74kg), Deepak (97kg) and Mohit Grewal (125kg) will be no pushovers.

INDIANS' JOURNEY

Athletics: Men: High jump (final): Tejaswin Shankar (bronze). Women: 200m (heats): Hima Das (wins Heat 2, enters semifinal); Shot put (final): 12. Manpreet Kaur; Hammer (qualifying): 11. Manju Bala (enters final), 13. Sarita Singh (DNQ for final).

Badminton (round-of-32): Men: K. Srikanth bt Daniel Wanagaliya (Uga) 2-0; Women: P.V. Sindhu bt Fathimath Nabaaha (Mdv) 2-0; Aakarshi Kashyap bt Mahoor Shahzad (Pak) 1-0 (retd.); Mixed doubles: Sumeeth/Ashwini lost to Hemming/Pugh (Eng) 0-2.

Boxing (quarterfinals): Men: Super heavyweight: Sagar bt Keddy Evans Agnes (Sey); Flyweight: Amit Phangal bt Lennon Mulligan (Sco); Light heavyweight: Ashish Kumar lost to Aaron Bowen (Eng); Women: Light middleweight: Lovlina Borgohain lost to Rosie Eccles (Wal); Lightweight: Jaismine bt Troy Garton (NZ).

Cricket: Women (Group A): bt Barbados by 100 runs, enters semifinals.

Hockey: Men (Pool B): bt Wales 4-1, enters semifinals.

Squash: Women: Doubles (round-of-32): Sunayna/Anahat bt Yeheni/Chanithma (SL) 2-0. Men: Doubles (round-of-32): Velavan/Abhay bt Reich/Chapman (IVB) 2-0. Mixed doubles (round-of-16): Dipika/Saurav bt Whitlock/Creed (Wal) 2-0; Joshna/Harinder lost to Lobban/Pilley (Aus) 0-2.

Table tennis: Mixed doubles: Round-of-32: Sathiyan/Manika bt Crea/Sinon (Sey) 3-0; Sharath Kamal/Sreeja bt Cathcart/Earley (NIR) 3-0; Round-of-64: Sanil/Reeth lost to Wong/Tee (Mas) 2-3. Women: Round-of-32: Sreeja Akula bt Karen Lyne (Mas) 4-1; Reeth Tennison bt Charlotte Bardsley (Eng) 4-1; Manika Batra bt Ching Nam Fu (Can) 4-0; Men's doubles: Round-of-32: Harmeet/Sanil bt Elia/Savva (Cyp) 3-0.

Weightlifting: Men: 109+kg: Gurdeep Singh (bronze).

In-form Indians promise thrilling results in both sections

A decisive result in the India 1-India 3 face-off in the Open category could hurt the losing team; India 1 women look well on course to the podium

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The lone rest day could not come at a better time for the home teams.

After a tough sixth round that left the top two Indian combinations winless for the first time in the Open section, Thursday's break provided time to review, assess and plan ahead.

Theoretical chances

With five rounds to go, all three teams – on 10 points – have theoretical chances of being on the podium.

For those who believe that the past is sometimes a very fair indication to the future, a 11-round aggregate of 18 match-points or more usually ensures the gold medal.

On some occasions, even 17 is good enough for lesser medals. A decisive result in the India 1-India 3 face-off on Friday could hurt the medal prospects of the losing team. D. Gukesh-led India 2, seeded 11, is expected to end 32nd seed Cuba's unbeaten run.

Leading hands: Harika's rock-solid play has kept India 1 in good stead, while Gukesh has been in red-hot form for India 2. • B. YELANKANNI RAJ & B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

Gukesh, holding a career-high World No. 26th spot in live rankings, has so far won all six games by performing at a whopping 3329-level against his live rating of 2719. No wonder, India 2 has lived up to the build-up to occupy the third spot. India 1 is sixth and India 3, ninth.

Second-placed USA, the overwhelming favourite for gold, appears a tad casual. In fact, in the last three rounds, a draw against Uzbekistan and 2.5-1.5 victories over Israel and Iran have not done USA's reputation any good since it managed to win just a game every day.

So far, all five members – Fabiano Caruana, Levon Aronian, Wesley So, Dominguez Perez Leinier and Sam Shankland – are losing rating points here.

This slow and unimpressive first half could well wake up the giants in the coming days.

Against an in-form leader Armenia, USA could come out firing on more than one board on Friday. After all, in the Swiss league format, doing well in the last three rounds can never be over-emphasised.

Magnus Carlsen-led Norway has hardly played like a team seeded three.

As a result of its ordinary showings, including two defeats and a draw, Norway will be out of Hall No. 1 which accommodates the top 27 matches.

Against North Macedonia, a team with a starting rank of 61, Norway will play Match No. 28 in the make-shift Hall No. 2.

Chances brightened

Among the women, India 1 looks well on course to the podium. Wednesday's resounding victory over Georgia has brightened India's prospects of justifying its top seeding. After sixth seed Azerbaijan on Friday, India 1 looks ready for second seed Ukraine, fourth seed Poland and an in-form Romania, seeded 20.

K. Humpy, D. Harika, R. Vaishali and Tania Sachdev look settled to perform the roles assigned to them. Of the lot, Harika has been rock-solid while the other three have struck timely.

India 2 and India 3, seeded 11 and 16, have not looked capable of bringing down higher-ranked teams. On Friday, armed with nine match-points, India 2 will be the favourite against 27th seed Greece, like India 3 against Switzerland, seeded 29.

Leading seventh-round pairings:

Open: India 1 (10) v India 3 (10); Cuba (10) v India 2 (10); Armenia (12) v USA (11); France (10) v Netherlands (10); Serbia (10) v Germany (10); Peru (10) v Uzbekistan (10); Spain (9) v Kazakhstan (10); Azerbaijan (9) v Israel (9); Greece (9) v Ukraine (9); Brazil (9) v England (9).

Women: Azerbaijan (11) v India 1 (12); India 2 (9) v Greece (9); India 3 (9) v Switzerland (9); Georgia (10) v Romania (11); Ukraine (10) v Netherlands (10); Poland (10) v Bulgaria (10); Armenia (10) v Israel (10); Kazakhstan (9) v Vietnam (10).

This Olympiad has a competitive balance, offers lot of excitement

VISWANATHAN ANAND

The players enjoyed a much-needed rest day after six rounds of intense chess. If we analyse the results of these rounds – from the Indian perspective – India 2, and especially D. Gukesh with this perfect score, stand out.

But, while everyone is buzzing about this, some other great performances have gone unnoticed. It's not like India 1 is an anonymity. But people have focused on these guys (from India 2) more.

Strong show

Yesterday we realised how strong P. Harikrishna has played. He made a couple of draws and people took their eyes off him. But he's on a very strong +3 score.

He is gaining a lot of rating points here. India 3 also has the same number of points. So, all our three teams are bunched together.

Different routes there, but it's great that they are all there.

I haven't talked about Armenia so far. But in the end, you must give them credit. They're a balanced team, they take a hit on this board and that board, but in the end, they pull through. It was their formula before, even when they were slightly top-heavy with Levon (Aronian). The full team knew how to play and that's why they have won the Olympiad so many times.

Coming to India's women's teams, India 1 is leading with Koneru Humpy on +2, Tania Sachdev and R. Vaishali are both +4 and Bhakti Kulkarni on +3. That is really an amazingly coordinated performance. Full credit to all our teams and their trainers, who are working very hard.

I had the chance to meet with them yesterday before the Bermuda Party and hang out with Srinath (Narayanan) and the India 1 team. Then I met R.B. Ramesh, then Shyam Sundar and I have kept in touch with Tejas Bakre.

So, I know all the Indian teams are doing very well. Though, it's slightly confusing because you have so many of Indian teams doing well, you don't even know which one to root for.

India 1 will play India 3 in the seventh round and let's see how it goes. Amongst the girls, the other two teams are on nine points, behind India 1 at 12. But they are still within distance of many of the other top teams. So hopefully, they will benefit from the rest day.

Though Armenia lead by two points, the USA, too, are pulling through even though none of their players are yet to reach their peak.

Fabiano Caruana was able to win his first game yesterday, pulling it through against a tough Iranian team and got the USA team over.

Not much support

As for Norway, Magnus Carlsen is doing what he normally does, but the others haven't exactly helped.

You know the timing is sometimes off. Instead of balancing each other out, sometimes two or three of them have a bad day at the same time.

I think the rest of the team is struggling a bit but it's obviously nice for them because they can depend on Magnus, who is almost invincible on Board 1.

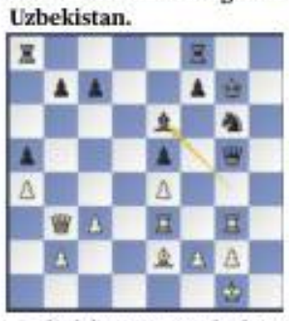
This is an Olympiad that has a competitive balance. Every round is exciting.

Now, let's look at a few Indian boards from Day 6:

Harikrishna returns with the knight, but White is still pinning the bishop **against the queen**.

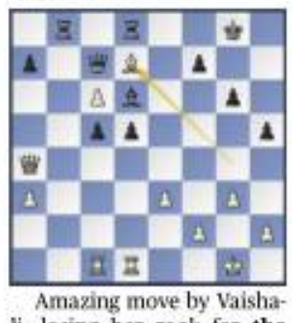
White tries to exploit this, but **Hari saw further:**

Black attacks White's queen and remains a piece ahead. Hari won against Abdusattorov to give India the lead in the **match against Uzbekistan.**

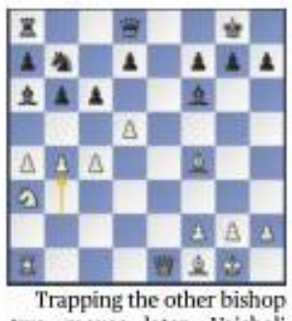


Black has just attacked **Tania's bishop**

Tania puts the bishop on d7 and now wins a pawn and the game against **Navrotescu of France.**



Amazing move by Vaishali, losing her rook for **the bishop, but...**



Trapping the other bishop two moves later. Vaishali won against Javakhishvili to clinch the match for **India against Georgia**

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Nagal loses to Lehecka

INDIANS ABROAD

SPORTS BUREAU

Top seed Jiri Lehecka defeated qualifier Sumit Nagal 6-4, 1-6, 6-3 in the pre-quarterfinals of the €45,730 Challenger tennis tournament at Liberec, Czech Republic on Thursday.

Sumit won 11 ATP points and €730 for qualifying and making it to the second round.

In the Challenger in Lexington, top seed Roman Safiullin beat Sasikumar Mukund 6-3, 7-6(3) in the pre-quarterfinals.

In the $25,000 ITF men's tournament in Tbilisi (Georgia), Prajnesh Gunneswaran battled it out against Aleksandre Bakshi of the host nation 7-6(4), 2-6, 7-6(4) in the quarterfinals.

The results:

$53,120 Challenger, Lexington, USA: Pre-quarterfinals: Roman Safiullin bt Sasikumar Mukund 6-3, 7-6(3).

Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): Yuki Bhambri & Saketh Myneni bt Millen Hurrion (GBR) & J. Mercer (USA) 4-6, 6-3, [10-6].

€45,730 Challenger, Liberec: Pre-quarterfinals: Jiri Lehecka (Cze) bt Sumit Nagal 6-4, 1-6, 6-3.

$60,000 ITF women, San Bartolome, Spain: Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): Malene Helgo (Nor) & Suzan Lamens (Ned) bt Valeriya Strakhova (Ukr) & Rutuja Bhosale 7-5, 7-6(3).

$25,000 ITF women, Foxhills, Britain: Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): Freya Christie & Ali Collins (GBR) bt Soumeya Ariane (GBR) & Humera Baharmus 6-0, 6-1.

$25,000 ITF women, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil: Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): Maria Paulina Perez-Garcia (Col) & Riya Bhatia bt Nicolly Ferreira & Mariana Gomes Sorrilha (Bra) 6-3, 6-2.

$15,000 ITF women, Monastir: Doubles (quarterfinals): Nina Radovanovic (Fra) & Yao Xinxin (Chn) bt Angella Okutoyi (Ken) & Akanksha Nitture 7-6(1), 1-6, [10-4]; Anastasiia Gureva & Michaela Laki (Gre) bt Huang Yifei (Chn) & Vineetha Mummadi 6-1, 6-3.

$25,000 ITF men, Tbilisi, Georgia: Quarterfinals: Prajnesh Gunneswaran bt Aleksandre Bakshi (Geo) 7-6(4), 2-6, 7-6(4).

$15,000 ITF men, Monastir, Tunisia: Pre-quarterfinals: Constantin Bittoun Kouzmine (Fra) bt Niki Poonacha 6-2, 6-4.

Doubles (quarterfinals): Maximus Jones (Tha) & Zheng Baoluo (Chn) w/o Mateo Del Pino (Arg) & Sai Karteek Reddy Ganta.

$15,000 ITF men, Kuching, Malaysia: Doubles (quarterfinals): Shinji Hazawa & Kento Takeuchi (Jpn) bt Darrshan Suresh (Mas) & Madhwin Kamath 6-1, 6-1.

Kokoro Issomura & Yamato Sueoka (Jpn) bt Abhinav Shanmugam & Vishnu Vardhan 6-4, 6-2.

Goswami — India's hand in South Sudan's baby steps

The coach hails the Olympiad for being a stepping stone towards that end

Daring moves: Goswami, right, feels that the social climate in South Sudan is reflected in the players' approach. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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The 44th Chess Olympiad offers a contrasting picture of expectations. While the competition has ace teams like USA and India looking to stamp their authority on the board, for the others, the Olympiad offers a chance to allow the game to enter their country's conscience.

South Sudan is one such nation, its efforts including contributions from an Indian coach – Vedant Goswami.

"I am part of a FIDE programme where they're introducing formal chess training in countries which don't have access to those facilities," says Goswami, who is currently training Djibouti.

"It was an interesting experience because the women's teams are completely new. Some of the players have been introduced to chess as late as six months ago and this is their first tournament," he adds.

The FIDE Master and trainer worked with South Sudan, the youngest nation in the world, prior to its Olympiad campaign.

First formal attempt

"The women needed to be taught things that we usually teach children when they start playing chess. I then learned that chess there is played outside bars, under trees – places where women would not be too comfortable. So, this is their federation's first formal attempt at introducing women to the game," Goswami explains.

A photograph on Goswami's phone reveals the training conditions in the Central African country: his players huddled around common laptops trying to understand the basics of the game.

Stark contrast

"When we train in India, everyone has access to a separate computer and software. In their case, everyone was gathered in one room, including the officials. When I was proposing positions, I could not figure out who was answering my question. The internet connectivity was also an issue," he adds.

Goswami believes South Sudan's social climate comes through in the players' approach on the board.

"Most of their games are very raw in nature. Maybe that's driven by their culture of unrest and war because they want to attack all the time. They need to work on positional play and other nuances," he says.

Goswami feels that the next chess boom will happen in Africa, and hails the Olympiad for being a stepping stone towards that end.

Sparking interest

"South Sudan has sent a media representative with the team who will now relay updates back home. Just the people and the government becoming aware of their participation here will be huge for sparking interest in the game there," he adds.

Cricket may be included in 2028 Games

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Cricket's much-anticipated inclusion in the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics received a shot in the arm as the International Olympic Committee (IOC) shortlisted it for a review along with eight other sporting disciplines. Cricket has only featured once at the 1900 Paris Olympic Games, with Great Britain and hosts France as only participants.

According to *ESPN Cricinfo*, the development comes a day after the ICC was formally invited by both the LA28 and IOC to submit presentation in order to make their case considered.

However, a final decision is expected to be announced ahead of the IOC session in Mumbai sometime in mid-2023.

The other eight sports in consideration for the showpiece event are baseball/softball, flag football, lacrosse, break dancing, karate, kick-boxing, squash, and motorsports.

In February this year, the IOC said that a total of 28 sporting events will be part of the Los Angeles Games. As per IOC diktat, a sport should clear some set of criteria in order to be considered for inclusion.

More medals, but fewer golds

Overall performance in CWG on expected lines, says coach

WEIGHTLIFTING

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Indian weightlifters bagged more medals, but slipped on the gold count at the 2022 Commonwealth Games.

Four years ago, India won nine medals, including five golds, in Gold Coast, whereas this time it is 10 medals, including three golds, in Birmingham to retain its number one position.

The overall performance was on expected lines, with the men contributing seven medals.

The women lifters returned only one gold by Olympic silver medallist Mirabai Chanu (49kg), a silver by Bindyarani Devi (55kg) and a surprise bronze by Harjinder Kaur (71kg).

Mirabai's victory was a foregone conclusion. Even though she could not achieve her target of touching the 90kg mark in snatch, it was heartening to see the ace lifter equalling her personal best of 88kg and getting a total (201kg) closer to her Olympics mark. It puts her preparations for the World championships on the right track.

"The women lifters performed as per my expectations. Everybody showed improved performance," chief National coach Vijay Sharma told *The Hindu*.

The biggest disappointment in the women's section was Punam Yadav, who was eyeing a third consecutive Games medal, in the 76kg.

According to sources, Punam clearly had knee issues during the Khelo India-ranking event in Himachal in June. She left for Birmingham on July 26, a month after the rest of the squad.

Even though the Indian Weightlifting Federation (IWLF) top brass reportedly blamed the lifter's injury for her failure, Sharma said, "We had no option as the qualification was by name."

Jeremy Lalrinnunga and Achinta Sheuli's gold medals in 67kg and 73kg were the high points among men's performances. Both aggregated below their personal best marks, but gave India two important medals and showed promise for future.

Super show: Achinta, left, and Jeremy's gold medals were the high points among men's performances. • GETTY IMAGES

Mirabai. • PTI

Target 2024 Paris

The two friends will now clash in the 73kg in their attempt to compete at the 2024 Paris Olympics. "Both will stay at 73kg until the Olympic qualifiers. When athletes push each other, you have a healthy competition," said Sharma.

Sanket Sargar, who landed a silver in 55kg, missed out on a gold due to the hand injury he picked up during the competition. Commonwealth championship gold medallist Ajay Singh, who was a medal contender, narrowly missed out on a podium in 81kg class.

Sharma said the focus would now be on finding young talent and grooming them for big events.